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LARGE CENTS THAT SURVIVED

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Most U. S. coin collectors know the basic information about our large copper cents, because it is published and republished in coin catalogs. They know that the "old red cent" was the first coin to be struck (1793) in the first U. S. mint, and that it appeared in every year — save only 1815 — until it was discontinued in 1857. They are familiar with the major types, and know that a satisfyingly complete date collection can be formed without too much pain, due to the ready availability of specimens of most years as compared with the many hard-to-get dates in all other early series of U. S. coins.

But let us wander off the beaten path to consider some of the less-well-known items in the history of our early cents which helped their survival to appear in present-day collections; also, other factors which prevented their survival.

LARGE COINAGE

During the 64 years in which copper cents were coined, mint records¹ show that 156,288,744 pieces were struck. Of course there were over two *billion* bronze cents coined in 1944 alone, but 156 million of the large coppers is still a tremendous quantity. So we might expect them to be pretty common today, even though they now range in age from 92 years to the ripe old age of 156 years.

ACCIDENTAL SURVIVAL OF HOARDS

Coin collecting as we know it today hardly existed until the 1850's, so that specimens of the early years in mint condition generally survived by accident, if at all. One such accident was brought about through the use of the cents as commercial copper in the crafts and industry. Copper was a scarce commodity during the years of coinage of the large cents. The domestic supply was wholly inadequate, and blanks for the cents were imported, generally from Birmingham, England. When copper was high-priced or unavailable in the United States, the craftsman often bought a keg of copper cents to melt down for the metal. In fact, Carothers² states that, due to the commercial use of

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copper cents for metal before 1830, "it is doubtful whether the bulk of the fairly steady output of cents went into circulation." A few such kegs were found unopened many years later, and thus uncirculated specimens in large quantity came into the hands of collectors.³

The bumpy transportation systems of the day impaired the uncirculated surfaces of the copper cents shipped in kegs, giving rise to a coin-trade term "keg-rubbed" rarely heard today. In 1870, Mason's Coin & Stamp Collectors' Magazine⁴ defined this term:

"Keg rubbed. Coins having very slight marks, often caused at the Mint by packing, counting, etc. Kegs of copper cents were frequently sent South from the Mint, and subsequently returned, having all their original brightness, but being slightly scratched by transportation — hence the term."

It is reported also that other kegs of uncirculated cents turned up many years later in bank vaults where they had been sent for release into circulation.⁵

Coins from these hoards often bear dates between 1816 and 1820.

CENTS COLLECTED ABROAD

Before 1857, U. S. coin collecting was confined to a very few individuals. However, a few of the many British and other European collectors succeeded in obtaining selected specimens of our early coinage. Many of these have returned to our shores over the years. In 1871, Mason's Magazine⁶ tells us:

"The finest set of U. S. Cents in the world is in England, where many of our choice coins find a ready market."

Numisma⁷ gives us a picture of this situation ten years later:

"Since my arrival in London I have not picked up a single American coin yet. It looks to me very much as if Randall or some other of your coin dealers had been over here and bought up about everything they could find. The dealer of whom I bought my 1799 cent some years ago was particularly afraid of showing me any American coins. He still has another one ('99) fully as good as mine, but refuses to sell it for love or money. The ordinary American cents he has are marked at extremely high figures."

Proof copper cents were sometimes struck as presentation pieces for foreign dignitaries visiting the U. S. Mint. New examples of these rarest-of-the-rare specimens occasionally turn up even today. A specialist recently gave an opinion that of the few "Not-in-Newcomb" varieties which may ever be discovered in the future, the most probable source will be one-cent proofs from abroad, unknown here at present.

SPECIMENS SAVED BY EARLY U. S. COLLECTORS

The earliest known U. S. coin collections were started in 1817.⁸ Collectors were extremely few. The hobby did not start to grow until about the time the coining of copper cents was discontinued in 1857.⁹ This is entirely parallel to the widespread interest in the collecting of Indian-head cents which developed when they were discontinued in 1909.

Collectors were so few in number before the Civil War that they enjoyed pleasant and unusual privileges at the U. S. Mint, as evidenced by the following quotation from J. N. T. Levick⁹ in 1868, describing conditions about ten years earlier:

"I quite well remember what an advantage the mint was to us who lived in Philadelphia, for we had the privilege of going to the institution, and selecting from trays or drawers subdivided for every date. From these I procured some excellent specimens of cents for their face value; and many of us collectors, knowing this channel, thus secured cheap cents. We also took the precaution to lay aside quantities of fine pieces to trade with, and for some years afterwards, the market was well stocked with cents. The employees of the mint, however, soon learned to know the increasing value of these coins, and also commenced laying aside the finer pieces and more unusual dates. Our game was blocked by this discovery, for we saw thenceforward that the desirable cents were missing."

EARLY COIN DEALERS BRING SCARCE CENTS OUT OF HIDING

The collectors' demand for more and better specimens brought forth dealers to supply it, as would be expected. (This same demand also brought forth electrotype artists¹⁰ and even mild re-strike chicanery at the mint and elsewhere.¹¹) Edward Cogan of Philadelphia, later of New York, was the earliest full-time dealer (1856) and one of the most respected. He issued probably over 100 sale catalogs before his retirement in 1879, and came to be known as "the father of the coin trade in America."¹²

A tremendous "beating of the underbrush" for specimens occurred. Practically all of the famous specimens which reach the market today are the identical coins which were sold and re-sold in the 1860's and 1870's. In fact, an outstanding specimen offered today without a long pedigree of prior ownership is often suspect as to authentic origin.

The following excerpt from an article entitled "The Coin Trade" by Ebenezer Mason, Jr., an early coin dealer-editor of Philadelphia, is typical of the barnstorming methods then used in securing coins for the market:

"During the years 1857, '58 and '59, the writer was connected with a very popular exhibition,¹⁴ travelling from North to South and visiting all the important cities and towns en route. While thus engaged we made it a daily practice to visit all the old junk shops, confectioners, bakers, grocers, etc. and collect all the old and curious coins we could find — at the same time leaving a card with address to establish future trade; and this practice led to a very general hunt in the places aforesaid, for coins, and in many instances we were surrounded at the opening of the Exhibition with men and boys eager to dispose of large quantities of old cents, etc. In one instance while passing through North Carolina, we purchased 10,000 copper pieces; 64 brass Washington tokens of 1783, and 46 Connecticut coins, besides a large quantity and variety both foreign and American. These coins, or the best of them, were disposed of to Mr. Cogan and Mr. Dickeson¹⁵ of this city.

"The gathering of coins afforded us an agreeable pastime, as well as a profitable occupation; and the constant accumulation of coins led us to enter the field as a dealer in this city in 1860. While thus occupied we advertised very extensively in the large cities, offering what appeared to be fabulous prices for rare U. S. cents. Many of our friends will remember the advertisements, headed with glaring capitals:

\$25 PAID FOR U. S. CENTS OF 1799

"The public manner in which we made known our wants, induced many persons to send us packages of coins by express and we were obliged to obtain an assistant for the purpose of opening and examining these packages.

"We refer to this matter, as one of the many influences which gave the 'Coin Trade' a permanent existence in this country."

SOME DATES WEAR RAPIDLY

There are a number of factors tending to prevent the survival in quantity of the large copper cents, especially in superior condition.

They were made of unalloyed copper, which is a soft metal and wears rapidly in circulation. In some years, such as 1800, the copper was unusually soft, and we offer as a conjecture that this "dead" softness may have been due to over-annealing of the copper in an attempt to prolong the life of the dies.

To verify the softness of the 1800 cents, some comparative hardness tests were made recently in a physical testing laboratory. These measurements were performed on a Tukon Micro-hardness Tester,¹⁶ and result in no injury to the coin, except for a tiny mark visible only with a strong glass. More accurate data could be had by etching and polishing the specimen, but the cent would have little numismatic value thereafter. The approximate hardness data were as follows, based on 100% arbitrarily assigned to the hardest specimen tested:

DATE	VARIETY	RELATIVE HARDNESS
1796	CN-C	73%
1800	CN-22	59%
1807	C-1	69%
1826	N-8	100%
1837	N-7	80%

Many of the early dates had insufficient upset rim to properly protect the face of the coin from wear. Moreover, these same early dates were often lightly struck in an apparent attempt to get longer service out of the dies.

As a further deterrent to specimen survival, most collectors are painfully aware of the ravages of discoloration and corrosion made to the surface of a copper coin by exposure to humidity, sulphur and other common chemicals even for brief periods of time.

COPPER CENTS HELPED BUSINESS OF A NEW NATION

The old red cents were *really used* to help conduct the growing business of a sturdy new nation. This use is in sharp contrast to the experience of all the other U. S. coinage during most of the 64 years in which copper cents were coined.

An excellent appraisal of the elusive and often confusing data on this subject may be found in Carothers' "Fractional Money,"¹⁷ several quotations from which follow.

As to the utility of the copper cent, in 1800 "The copper coinage was thus the first national currency to have its own field of use, without competition of foreign coins." And around 1880 "... minor coins ... had circulated throughout the (Civil) War period and the greenback

era. The 1 cent pieces were the first coins of the United States, and they are the only coins in our history that have been continuously in circulation, without interruption, since the first coinage law."

Concerning early gold, only slightly over a million dollars worth was coined through 1800, a small amount even for the trade of a new nation. Due to the development of a gold-to-silver market ratio adverse to the circulation of gold, "United States gold was not a general medium of circulation after 1800, and after 1825, when a dollar in gold had reached a value of \$1.02 in silver, it ceased to circulate entirely." However, the law of 1834 decreasing the weight of our gold coins, plus discoveries of gold in North Carolina, Georgia and later in California, provided a set of conditions in which gold was coined and circulated freely from 1834 until the Civil War.

The silver dollar was "Exported before 1806, not coined from 1806 to 1836, not in circulation from 1836 to 1873 (and was in 1873), an unknown coin." In 1930 it is "... too bulky for use. . . . The millions in the vaults are merely an undigested mass of stamped metal, of discreditable history and no present use."

With regard to half-dollars, before 1834, "At a large annual expense the mint was turning out half dollars that did not circulate. It was doing almost nothing else." These half-dollars "went from the mint to the Bank of the United States. The Bank distributed them to its own vaults, to other banks, and to brokers who exported them."

"The coinage of quarters, dimes and half-dimes, as contrasted with the half-dollar, was negligible from 1792 to 1834. In nineteen years of this period there was no coinage of quarter-dollars, in thirteen years no coinage of dimes, and in twenty-six years no half-dimes. The total number of quarters, dimes and half-dimes coined before 1830 was less than one piece for each person in the country in that year."

"A Senate committee of 1830 reported that United States silver coins were regarded as so much bullion and were 'lost to the country as coins.' They estimated that of the \$25,000,000 in silver coined since the opening of the mint only \$14,000,000 remained in the country, and of this amount \$2,000,000 was in the reserves of the Bank."

After the law of 1834, small silver coins were minted and circulated plentifully at such times as the balance between gold-to-silver market ratio and the coinage ratio would permit. At other times they disappeared from normal trade channels.

The silver three-cent piece was immensely popular from 1851 to 1853, since it was of a weight and fineness which would permit it to circulate, there being few other small-change coins then available between the copper cent and the gold dollar. But its coinage and circulation declined greatly after 1853 due to the ready availability of higher-denomination silver coins, provided by the law of that year.

Around 1802, "As for the half-cent, it was rejected by the entire population." By 1830 "The half-cent failed to find a place anywhere. It was not coined at all in the years from 1811 to 1825." And from 1830 to 1857 "The half-cent was not widely used anywhere, and coinage was negligible."

Lest the collectors of our large copper cents become too puffed up about the utility of these coins in the days of their use as a circulating

medium, we must in all fairness consider some of their deficiencies. For example, after the reduction in weight to 168 grains in 1795, "It was still too large for convenient handling, and it was very unpopular. Its circulation was confined to the largest towns of the North." "From 1830 onward there was a fairly steady increase in the coinage of copper cents, although it did not keep pace with the growth of the population. . . . Year after year the mint directors, in their annual reports, discussed the unpopularity of the copper coins and expressed the belief that they were at last coming into general use." In 1853, the copper coins ". . . were still unpopular, unattractive, expensive to produce and uncertain in legal status, as they had been for sixty years. . . . Outside the cities cents and half-cents hardly circulated at all."

Nevertheless, the copper cents found an important use. After 1830, "Price quotations of 5, 10, and 20 cents now predominated, but the Spanish coins were still the more widely used currency, and the smaller pieces were valued at 12½ and 6½ cents, or, as frequently, 12 and 6 cents. Making change was a matter of involved calculation, and the use of cents and half-cents was necessary. It was probably this change use more than any other that kept copper coins in circulation. . . . (When tradesmen made change) the people were systematically victimized. The practice became so firmly entrenched that Congress was attempting to stop it as late as 1875."

Thus, despite their inconvenient size, many large cents achieved honorable wear circulating from hand to hand as a medium of exchange. Ample evidence of such wear certainly has survived, and millions were worn out in the process.

MILLIONS REDEEMED AND MELTED

Through all the years of their coinage, there was no provision for government redemption of worn copper cents. This may help to account for the wretched state of preservation in which many specimens of the early dates are found today. It was not until the law discontinuing their issue was passed in 1857 that the government agreed to exchange them for the new copper-nickel cents.

The conditions of copper-cent redemption were set forth in a mint circular of 1857, quoted in its entirety in the June 1937 *Numismatist*. The law of 1864 authorizing the coinage of bronze cents temporarily terminated this redemption, but it was resumed under different rules in 1871, and continues (legally) to the present day.

The 1857 copper-cent "redemption" measure might more properly be described as a withdrawal act, aimed at the elimination of a discontinued currency. The first U. S. provision for true redemption of a *current* coin was the 1865 law authorizing the five-cent nickel.¹⁸

It is interesting to note that only enough copper-nickel cents were coined in the scarce-date year 1861 to replace the old copper coins turned in for redemption that year. Since there were 10,100,000 cents coined in 1861, it is apparent that the old copper cents were being melted down at a rapid rate. However many of the large cents were still in circulation in 1861 and for many years thereafter, because there was no advantage save convenience in favor of redemption.¹⁹

An idea of the rate at which copper cents were being melted at the mint when redemption was resumed in 1871 may be had from an item in the July 1872 issue of Mason's Coin & Stamp Collectors' Magazine, which tells us:

"The U. S. Mint in 1871 redeemed and destroyed 1,005,215 copper one-cent pieces, bearing date prior to 1858. Thus far in 1872, about 1,500,000 coppers additional have been redeemed."

As to the condition of these old coppers, Mason had reported in 1871:²⁰

"A large quantity of the old U. S. cents has been received at the mint, in this city, from various parts of the country. Among twenty thousand cents but one uncirculated coin was found, and that 1837. Nothing rare or fine in such a quantity is a very convincing argument that numismatology is spreading, and the people of this country are well informed in regard to the value of rare coins."

AN ESTIMATE OF SPECIMEN SURVIVAL

According to the annual reports of the Director of the Mint there are some 118,000,000 large cents still unredeemed, or about 75% of the total coinage. Carothers²¹ points out that this figure is somewhat inaccurate due to the probable inclusion of some of the approximately 8,000,000 half-cents in the redeemed copper total. He believes that some of the many millions of copper cents went abroad, some are held in collections but that the majority have been lost in use or melted commercially for copper.

From this discussion of specimen survival, you will have to form your own opinion of the number of collectors'-quality copper cents in existence today. The number is possibly in the tens of thousands, more probably in the hundreds of thousands, depending on your definition of acceptable condition. The total number surviving in all conditions is undoubtedly in the millions. Surely enough have escaped the melting pot so that their collection is a matter of great fascination, to both the beginner and the advanced collector.

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DOMESTIC COINAGE EXECUTED BY MINTS DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL, 1949

Denomination	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver	Total Value	Total Pieces
SILVER					
Half dollars			\$ 268,000.00	\$ 268,000.00	536,000
Quarter dollars	\$ 715,000.00		516,000.00	1,231,000.00	4,924,000
Dimes	194,000.00		162,400.00	356,400.00	3,564,000
Total Silver	\$ 909,000.00		\$ 946,400.00	\$1,855,400.00	9,024,000
MINOR					
Five-cent pieces	\$ 186,200.00	\$ 95,800.00	\$ 226,600.00	\$ 508,600.00	10,172,000
One-cent pieces	317,500.00	78,500.00	189,300.00	585,300.00	58,530,000
Total minor	\$ 503,700.00	\$174,300.00	\$ 415,900.00	\$1,093,900.00	68,702,000
Total domestic coinage	\$1,412,700.00	\$174,300.00	\$1,362,300.00	\$2,949,300.00	77,726,000

COINAGE EXECUTED FOR FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS

Mint	Country	Metal	Denomination	Total Pieces
Philadelphia	Dominican Republic	Bronze	1 Centavo	3,000,000
Philadelphia	Saudi Arabia	Silver	1 Rial	5,208,000
San Francisco	Venezuela	Nickel	5 Centimos	2,200,000
				10,408,000

ACCUMULATIVE MINT REPORT FOR 1949

(Number of pieces struck)

	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver
Half dollars - regular	1,760,000		2,648,000
Half dollars - Booker T. Washington	12,004	12,004	12,004
Quarter dollars	4,592,000		4,418,000
Dimes	20,240,000		26,034,000
Five-cent pieces	5,760,000	9,716,000	9,010,000
One-cent pieces	117,525,000	52,250,000	68,920,000

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31. GEN. WASHINGTON

Obv. Undraped bust right. Around upper border, GEN. WASHINGTON. and around lower border 1789.- 1889.

Rev. Blank except for makers mark of a large K enclosed in diamond shaped lines.

Cast bronze

Size 72

Cast both with and without a half-inch rim around the edge with loop for hanging.

Photo reduced in size.

32. GEORGE WASHINGTON 1789

Obv. Same as Seal — NEW YORK CITY No. 1

Rev. Blank.

White metal

Size 22

F. C. C. Boyd collection.

33. GREAT WASHINGTON HAS LIVED FOR YOU

Obv. Undraped bust left, behind which and framing the bust, square and compasses crossing; the letter P below the bust. Around upper border GEOPGE WASHINGTON (note the misspelling of GEORGE) and around lower border, 1789 1889

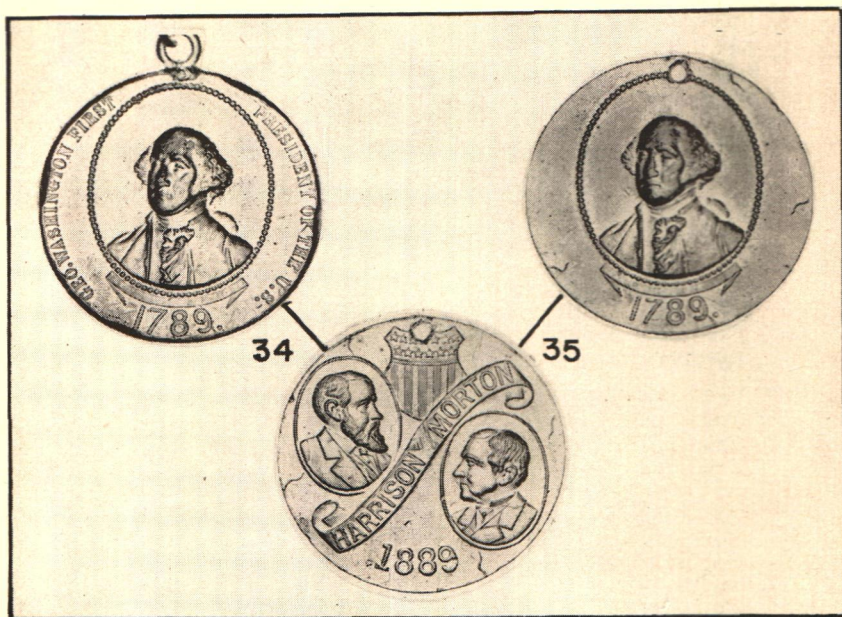


Rev. Legend in eight lines, the second curved, GREAT / WASHINGTON / HAS / LIVED FOR YOU, / MARK WELL HIS / STEPS / HIS COURSE / PURSUE

White metal

Size 18

This reverse die was used as early as 1885 as listed in Baker's Medallion Portraits of Washington, number 106, and with two other obverses described in the notes below it. In the author's collection it is also used with the obverse of Baker's number 154.



34. HARRISON AND MORTON No. 1

Obv. Harzfeld bust in oval, beaded circle; just below, curved, a rippling ribbon band with ends folded under. Around left border, GEO. WASHINGTON FIRST and around right border, PRESIDENT OF THE U.S. In large numerals around lower border 1789.

Rev. In two ovals, clothed busts of Harrison and Morton facing toward the center; left oval with Harrison, higher than the

right. On upper field, shield with thirteen stars. Around lower border in large numerals, 1889 In between the two ovals on a wide scroll running from lower left to upper right, HARRISON AND MORTON

Bronze and w.m.

Size 24

Smith no. 1, p. 45; Low IV

Suspended by red, white and blue ribbon, from an upper bar inscribed CENTENNIAL and a lower bar inscribed, INAUGURAL.

35. HARRISON AND MORTON No. 2

Obv. Same as HARRISON AND MORTON No. 1 except for the absence of the legends on the left and right border.

Rev. Same as HARRISON AND MORTON No. 1

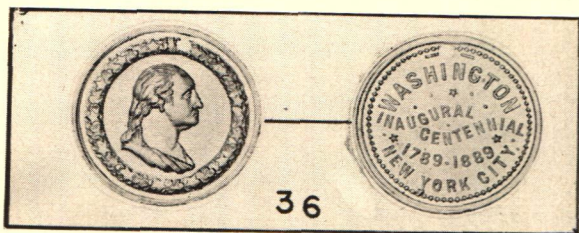
Bronze and w.m.

Size 24

Burr XII; Smith no. 2, p. 45

Same ribbon and bar as preceding.

Also used as a campaign medal, but with an eagle pin. It was sold in Washington during the inauguration of Harrison and Morton in 1888. — *Burr*



36. INAUGURAL CENTENNIAL

Obv. Draped bust right encircled by a heavy wreath on which are thirteen stars, evenly spaced. No legend.

Rev. Legend in five uneven lines, WASHINGTON / INAUGURAL / CENTENNIAL / 1789.1889 / NEW YORK CITY with scattered dots and stars throughout the field. Beaded border.

White metal

Size 16

Burr XVIII; Smith no. 2, p. 116

37. LIBERTY ENLIGHTENING THE WORLD

Obv. Same as FEDERAL HALL No. 4.

Rev. Statue of Liberty and view of New York Bay with boats. Liberty's arm extending to top of medal. Around upper left border, in two lines, COMMEMORATIVE . MONUMENT / eighteen stars; around upper right border, in two lines, OF . AMERICAN . INDEPENDENCE / twenty stars. A.D.- F on left truncation of scene and R.L. on the right. In exergue, in three lines, the last curved, LIBERTY ENLIGHTENING / THE WORLD. / DEDICATED OCT.28.1886

White metal.

Size 24

Smith no. 4, p. 44

Mr. Smith states that only 10 were struck. This piece is in the collection of F. C. C. Boyd.

38. MASONIC, PLUMB LEVEL AND SQUARE

Obv. Same as GREAT WASHINGTON HAS LIVED FOR YOU except for an addition of a line on the letter P in GEOPGE to change it into the letter R.

Rev. At the top, a seeing eye with rays and below, three Masonic symbols of a plumb, level and square.

Bronze

Size 18

This reverse die was used as early as 1885 as listed in Baker, numbers 307, 308 and 309.

39. NEW YORK APRIL 30, 1889

Obv. Undraped bust right. Around upper border, GEO. WASHINGTON FIRST PRES'T U.S. and around lower border, * 1789 *

Rev. Center legend in three lines, the first curved, NEW YORK / APRIL 30, / 1889 and around the border, * CENTENNIAL OF HIS INAUGURATION

Bronze and brass

Size 12

Burr XX; Smith no. 5, p. 130

40. NEW YORK CITY APRIL 30 1889

Obv. Undraped bust left within a large five-pointed star on top of a circular, radiated field; on a band, edging the star, NEW YORK CITY APRIL 30TH 1889 and starting again on the upper left point, FIRST IN WAR FIRST IN PEACE AND FIRST IN THE HEARTS OF HIS COUNTRYMEN Upon the field of the star, thirteen small stars scattered in groups.

Rev. Blank except for makers mark; C. G. BRAXMAR / 86 COURTLANDT ST / NEW YORK in three lines in the center.

Bronze, gilt and silvered

Size 31

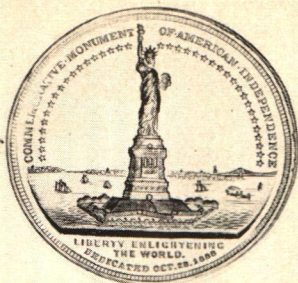
Low III; Smith no. 1, p. 20

Medal suspended from a metal bar with shield at each end, inscribed, 1789 and 1889 with CENTENNIAL/INAUGURATION between. Spread eagle on top of bar.

41. REPUBLIQUE CENTENAIRES — SALUT

Obv. Winged Victory with star and rays above head; right arm extended supporting a small oval plaque with bust of Washington left, WASHINGTON around upper right border; left arm extended, overlapping a small oval plaque with full-face bust of Mirabeau, MIRABEAU around lower right border. In her right hand a wreath with ribbon streamers; in her left a wreath and large palm spray. On the left and right field, 1776 and 1789 and around the border at the bottom, divided by her feet, 1889

Rev. On a raised center circle, across the top, SALUT; a vertical line through the center dividing the legend — on the left side, TO ALL / MEN, OUR / BRETHERN and on right A TOUS / LES HOMMES / NOS FRERES and on oblong plaque below, 1889 Completely enclosing the above, an elaborate design with a garland around upper half; on lower half, two shields, American and the French Republic nestled in sprays of leaves, scroll in the background. Around upper border * REPUBLIQUES CENTENAIRES * and around lower border PROGRES



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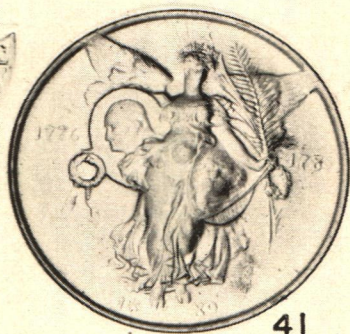
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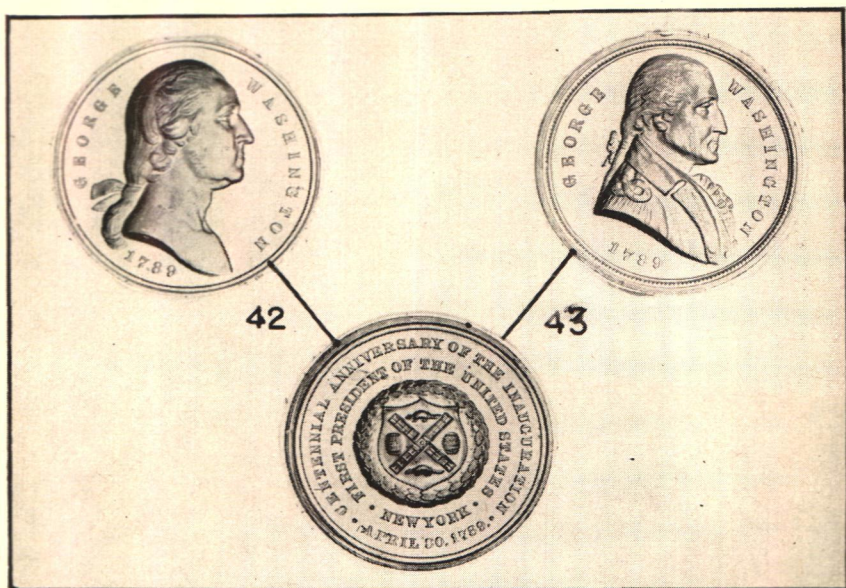


LABEUR Around bottom border GORHAM CO. MFG. U.S.A.
Silver, bronze and copper

Size 28

Smith no. 2, p. 25

The designer of this medal, struck by Gorham, appropriately placed Honore Gabriel Riqueti Mirabeau (1749-1791) popular hero and writer of France, on the medal with Washington. France, in 1889, was celebrating the "Republique Francaise Centenaire de 1789" with an "Exposition Universalle 1889" at Paris.



42. SEAL, NEW YORK CITY — No. 1

Obv. Undraped bust right, M on truncation. Around left and right border, GEORGE and WASHINGTON and around lower border, 1789

Rev. In the center, arms of New York encircled by a heavy wreath. Around upper border, in two lines, . CENTENNIAL ANNI-
VERSARY OF THE INAUGURATION . / . FIRST PRESI-
DENT OF THE UNITED STATES . and around lower border,
in two lines, NEW YORK / APRIL 30 . 1789

Bronze and w.m.

Size 22

Burr XIV; Smith no. 4, p. 54

43. SEAL, NEW YORK CITY — No. 2

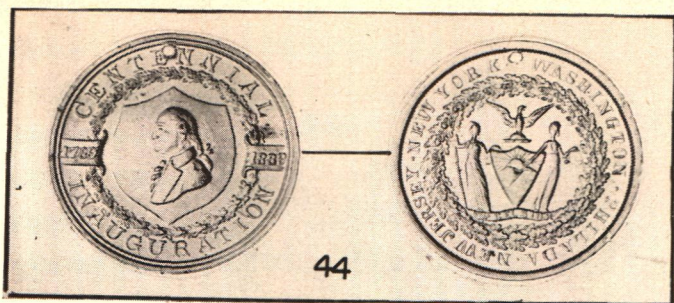
Obv. Bust in military dress right, MORGAN on truncation. Around left and right border, GEORGE WASHINGTON and on lower border, 1789

Rev. Same as SEAL, NEW YORK CITY — No. 1

Bronze and w.m.

Size 22

Low VII; Smith no. 3, p. 54



44. SEAL, NEW YORK STATE

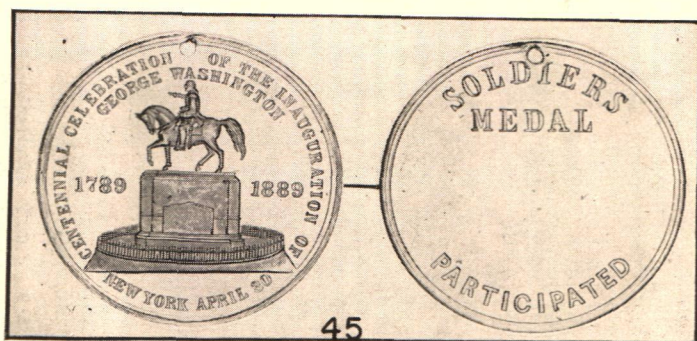
Obv. Clothed bust left on large, plain shield enclosed by wreath broken on the left and right by scroll bands, inscribed on left, 1789 and on right, 1889. Around upper border CENTENNIAL and around lower border INAUGURATION

Rev. In the center, the seal of the State of New York, enclosed by a wreath. Around the border, . NEW YORK . WASHINGTON . PHILADA . NEW JERSEY

Bronze and w.m.

Size 21

Smith no. 1, p. 67



45. SOLDIERS MEDAL, PARTICIPATED

Obv. Brown's equestrian statue to left with GEORGE WASHINGTON curved, above; on the left and right field 1789 and 1889. Around the upper border CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF THE INAUGURATION OF and around lower border, NEW YORK APRIL 30

Rev. Around upper border SOLDIERS and in a straight line just below MEDAL. Around lower border PARTICIPATED. Center field blank.

White metal

Size 25

Low V; Smith no. 1, p. 35

On July 4, 1856, this equestrian statue to Washington's memory was erected in Union Square, N.Y., and was designed by Henry K. Brown.

The American Numismatic Society has this piece inscribed on the center field of the reverse to Herbert Valentine.



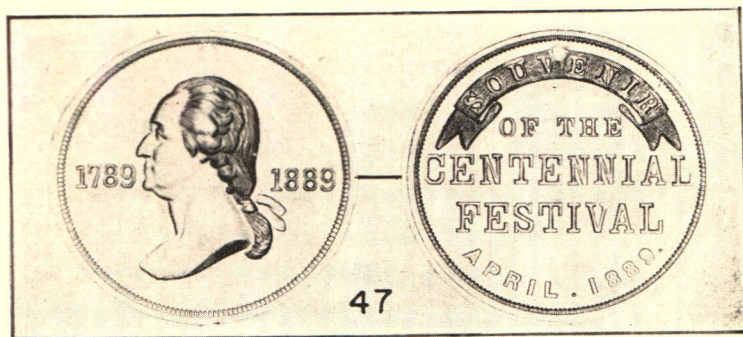
46. SOUVENIR OF THE CENTENNIAL

Obv. Undraped bust left, S on truncation, CHILDS. CHICAGO below on the field. Around left and right border WASHINGTON and CENTENNIAL

Rev. Legend in five lines, the first and third curved, SOUVENIR / OF THE / CENTENNIAL / 1789 / 1889. Around lower border two thick, half sprays with small bow.

Bronze

Size 23



47. SOUVENIR OF THE CENTENNIAL FESTIVAL

Obv. Undraped bust left, R L on truncation; on the left and right in large numerals 1789 and 1889

Rev. Around upper border on a ribbon band, SOUVENIR and in three lines below, OF THE / CENTENNIAL / FESTIVAL and around lower border, APRIL . 1889 .

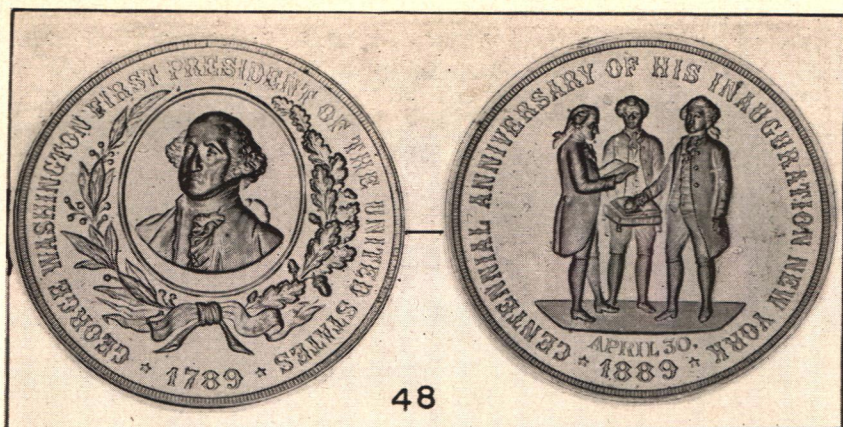
White metal

Size 25

Low VIII; Smith no. 5, p. 35

48. TAKING THE OATH — No. 1

Obv. Harzfeld bust in framed oval, below and extending around the sides, two sprays tied at the bottom by a large bow. Around upper border, GEORGE WASHINGTON FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES and around lower border, * 1789 *



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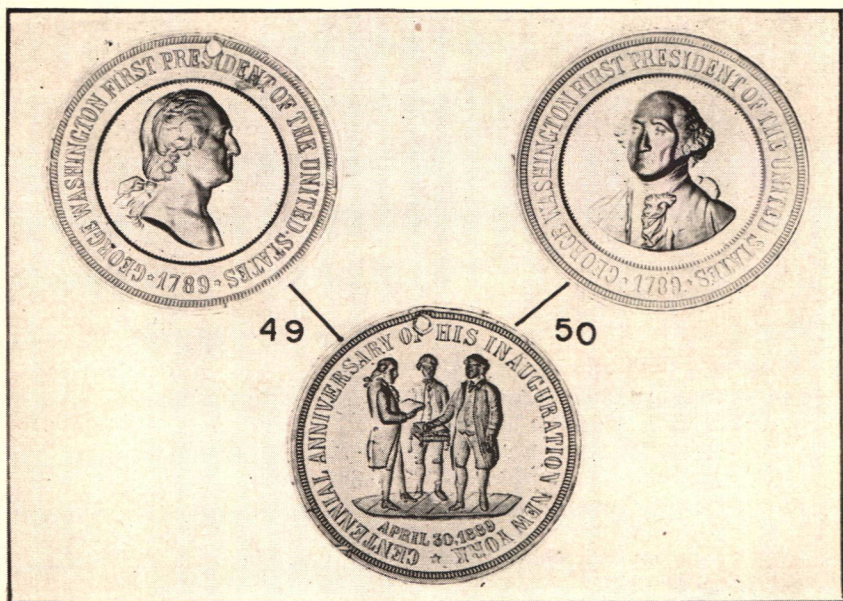
Rev. Washington taking the oath of office. Around upper border,
* CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF HIS INAUGURATION
NEW YORK * and around lower border, in two lines, APRIL
30. / 1889

Bronze and w.m.

Size 32

Low IX; Smith no. 1, p. 19

William H. Key, an assistant engraver at the U.S. Mint, made a reduction of this head from a print by Guiseppe Longhi, an Italian engraver, for Sigmund K. Harzfeld, a numismatic dealer in Philadelphia between 1876 and 1881. — *Baker*



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49. TAKING THE OATH — No. 2

Obv. Undraped bust right in sunken circle. Plain band around the border, inscribed on upper border, * GEORGE WASHINGTON FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES * and on lower border 1789

Rev. Washington taking the oath of office, APRIL 30, 1889 just below and curved. Around the border, CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF HIS INAUGURATION NEW YORK *

Bronze and w.m.

Size 24

Burr XV; Smith no. 3, p. 41

50. TAKING THE OATH — No. 3

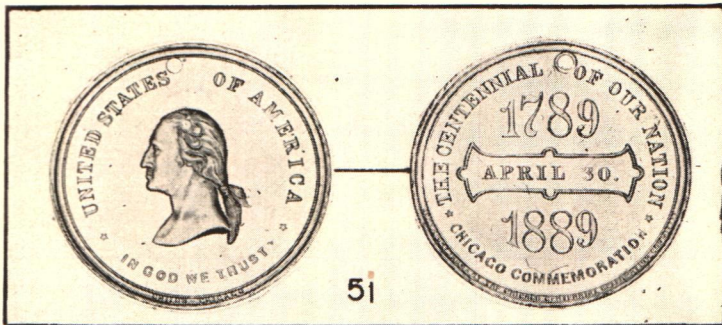
Obv. Harzfeld bust in sunken circle. Plain band around border. inscribed on upper border * GEORGE WASHINGTON FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES * and on lower border, 1789

Rev. Same as TAKING THE OATH — No. 2

Bronze and w.m.

Size 24

Smith no. 3, p. 43



51. THE CENTENNIAL OF OUR NATION

Obv. Same as ALUMINUM — No. 2.

Rev. In the center on an oblong bar, APRIL 30. and above and below in large numerals, 1789 and 1889. Around upper border THE CENTENNIAL OF OUR NATION and around lower border, in smaller letters, * CHICAGO COMMEMORATION *

White metal

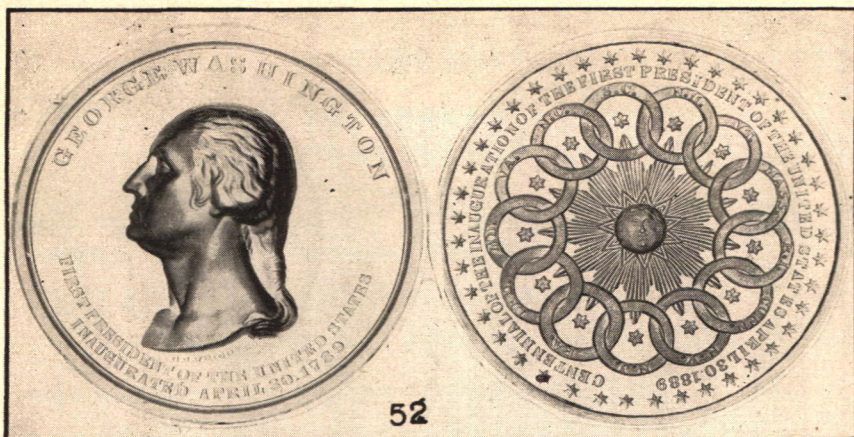
Size 23

Smith no. 2, p. 51

52. THIRTEEN LINKS

Obv. Undraped bust left, C. C. WRIGHT S C. just below. Around upper border GEORGE WASHINGTON and around lower border, in two lines, FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES / INAUGURATED APRIL 30 . 1789

Rev. In center, sun with features on an eleven pointed star backed by a radiated star of thirteen points; the whole surrounded by an endless chain of thirteen links, each bearing initials of one of the thirteen original states; around these CENTEN-



NIAL OF THE INAUGURATION OF THE FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES APRIL 30 . 1889. Around the border forty-two stars evenly spaced.

Bronze and w.m.

Size 34

Smith no. 1, p. 13

"The Messrs Chapman have just published a new Washington Medal . . . (described) . . . The portrait is by the late C. C. Wright, and though never before published, it is said to be his finest work, and the best reproduction on a medal of the original by Houdon." — *American Journal of Numismatics*, Vol. 23, p. 92, April, 1889

53. TO COMMEMORATE ST. GAUDENS — No. 1

Obv. Clothed half-bust left, in two lines below, PHILIP . MARTINY, MODELER . DESIGN . AND / COPYRIGHT . BY . AUGUSTUS . SAINT . GAUDENS . ; on the left, in two lines, -PATER- / -M-D-C-C-L and on the right, in two lines broken by a faces, PATRIAE- / XXXIX- Curved over the bust . GEORGE WASHINGTON . Around the border, thirteen stars evenly spaced.

Rev. Large spread eagle with shield at top; on each side of head, TO-COM (head) MEMORATE Below, legend in twelve lines, THE-INAUG (eagles talons on bundle of arrows) GVRATION / OF-GEORGE-WASHINGTON / AS-FIRST-PRESIDENT-OF- / THE / VNITED-STATES-OF-AMERICA / AT-NEW-YORK- / APRIL-XXX / -M-D-C-C-L-X-X-X-I-X- / BY-AVTHORITY- / OF / THE-COMMITTEE / ON-CELEBRATION / NEW-YORK-APRIL / -XXX- / .M-D-C-C-C-L-X-X-X-I-X- Thirty-eight stars evenly spaced around the border. Shield to the left of lines 8, 9, 10 and 11.

Cast gold, silver and bronze shells joined.

Size from 70-72

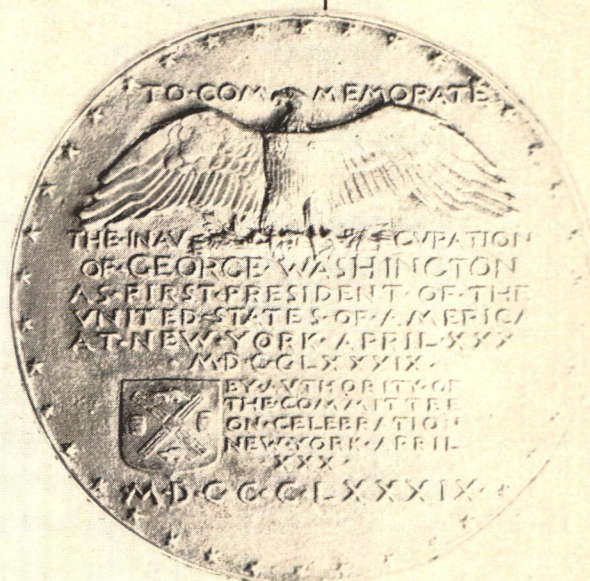
Low II; Smith no. 1, p. 1

In silver, edge marked, GORHAM MFG. CO. with three hall marks; a lion right, anchor, an English G and STERLING. In gold, edge marked, GORHAM MFG. CO. and 18K. Both pieces owned by the American Numismatic Society.

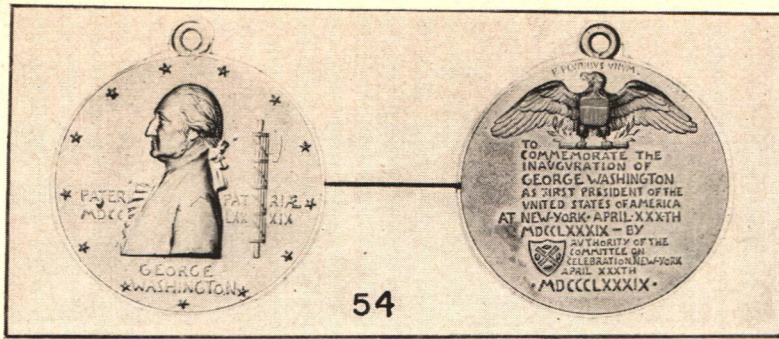
"This is the medal that was on sale by authority of the Committee." — *Low*



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REDUCED IN SIZE



54. TO COMMEMORATE ST. GAUDENS — No. 2

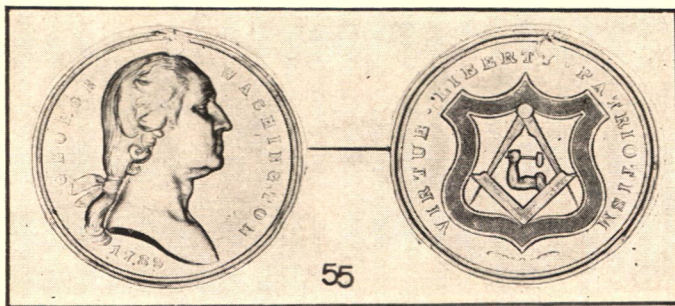
Obv. Clothed half-bust left; on left in two lines, PATER / MDCC and on the right, in two lines, broken by a face, PATRIAE / LXXXIX. Below bust, in two lines, GEORGE WASHINGTON. Around the border thirteen stars evenly spaced.

Rev. Large spread eagle with shield with talons on bundle of arrows. Around upper border E PLURIBUS VNVM. Below the eagle, in thirteen lines, TO / COMMEMORATE THE / INAUGURATION OF / GEORGE WASHINGTON / AS FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE / UNITED STATES OF AMERICA / AT NEW-YORK . APRIL . XXX-TH / MDCCLXXXIX-BY / AUTHORITY OF THE / COMMITTEE ON / CELEBRATION NEW-YORK / APRIL XXXTH / . MDCCLXXXIX . Shield to the left of lines 9, 10, 11 and 12. Bronze Size 22

Low I; Smith no. 2, p. 1

Suspended from a bronze bar inscribed 1789 – G.W. (script) – 1889. NEW YORK curved above. Also issued with the same bar, a yellow ribbon inscribed in gold letters NEW YORK LEGISLATURE.

"This medal has never been on sale, but was distributed to members of the Committee only." – Low



55. VIRTUE . LIBERTY . PATRIOTISM

Obv. Same as SEAL . NEW YORK CITY – No. 1.

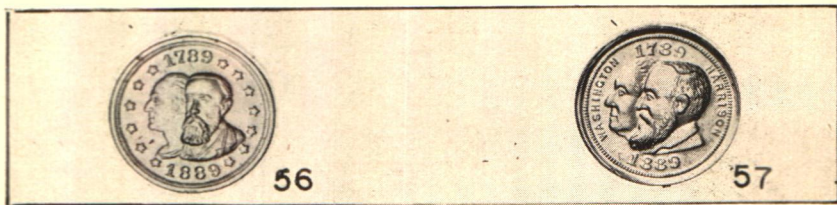
Rev. In the center, compasses and square crossed, enclosing a bent arm with hammer; enclosing the above, a wide bordered shield outline. Around the upper border VIRTUE . LIBERTY .

PATRIOTISM and at the bottom --

White metal

Size 22

The center insignia the Order of the United American Mechanics.



56. WASHINGTON AND HARRISON — No. 1

Obv. Draped bust of Washington left behind a clothed bust of Harrison full face to left. Around left border, six stars; upper border, 1789; left border, seven stars; lower border, 1889

Rev. Blank except for maker's mark of a star on the attachment for a lapel button.

Bronze

Size 14

Smith no. 4, p. 122

57. WASHINGTON AND HARRISON — No. 2

Obv. Accolated busts left; head of Washington behind clothed bust of Harrison. Around left border WASHINGTON and around upper border 1789; left border HARRISON and lower border 1889

Rev. Blank except for attachment of pin for a stickpin.

White metal

Size 14

58. WASHINGTON AND HARRISON — No. 3

Obv. Same as DENMAN THOMPSON'S PLAY.

Rev. Blank.

Aluminum

Size 25



No. 59

59. WASHINGTON CENTENNIAL

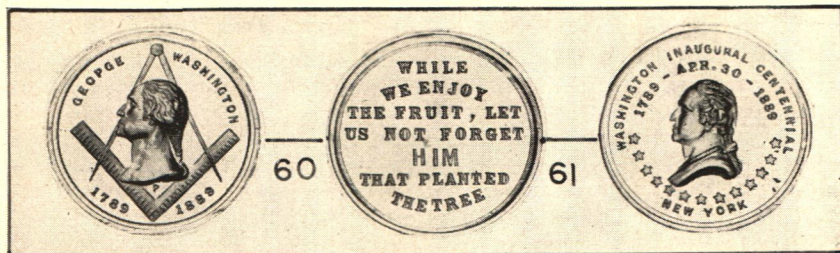
Obv. Large undraped bust left in high relief on pebbled field.
Around left border, WASHINGTON and right border CEN-
TENNIAL and lower border 1789-1889

Rev. Blank; lead filled shell.

Brass

Size 30

N. J. Hoffman collection.



60. WHILE WE ENJOY THE FRUIT — No. 1

Obv. Same as GREAT WASHINGTON HAS LIVED FOR YOU.

Rev. Legend in seven lines, the second and last curved, WHILE /
WE ENJOY / THE FRUIT, LET / US NOT FORGET / HIM /
THAT PLANTED / THE TREE

White metal

Size 18

61. WHILE WE ENJOY THE FRUIT — No. 2

Obv. Draped bust left, P on truncation, encircled by thirteen stars
below and 1789 — APR. 30 — 1889 above. Around upper bor-
der WASHINGTON INAUGURAL CENTENNIAL and around
lower border New York

Rev. Same as WHILE WE ENJOY THE FRUIT — No. 1.

White metal

Size 18

This reverse die was used as early as 1885 as listed in Baker number 107
and with two other obverses described in the notes of Baker number 106.

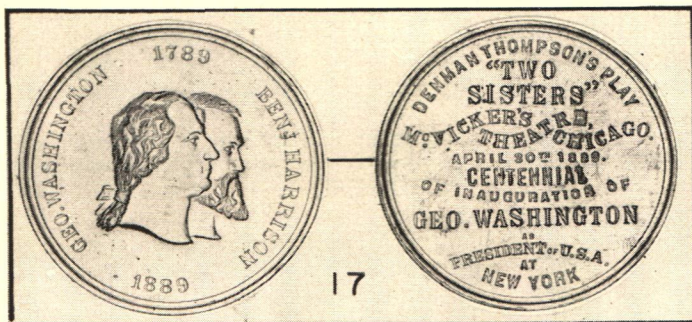


Illustration for No. 17 was omitted in
the second installment. — Editor

ANCIENT EXCHANGE AND ITS SURVIVAL TO MODERN TIMES IN MEXICO

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When mankind learned to exchange things he had for things he needed, he had made a step forward in the world. In connection with this, he had to determine the value of his products, the value of the things he wanted, and convince the other person involved in the transaction of their relative values.

But he soon learned that many of the items he bartered were perishable, and would not keep. A cow had a relatively short lifetime; skins were not much better; some were bulky; it was hard to trade a bag of grain for half of a live sheep. Some medium of exchange had to be arrived at, that could be stored, be a satisfactory medium, a measure of value, and accepted as a standard among various peoples.

Shells were one of the first materials used to satisfy these requirements, and were used by the Chinese in the tenth century before Christ. Coins of precious metal as we know them were used in Asia Minor around the seventh century before Christ. Civilizations having much business to transact developed these mediums before other civilizations did, so it could not be said that development of the medium of exchange determined the level of culture of a people.

The Indians of Mexico used the barter system of trade, although they had items of a fixed value that were exchanged as money.

Exchange developed on a large scale when regional specialization led to exchange with other communities. For instance, the coast tribes had fish and shells; those in the tropics had seeds and fruits; while perhaps an interior tribe without these items made pottery.

Some of the items that were considered of sufficient value to warrant their use in transactions included pottery, foodstuffs, obsidian and stone tools, shells, gold ornaments,¹ cacao beans, salt, quills of gold dust, copper crescent-shaped knives, jade, silver, cotton cloth, tin pieces, and stone beads.²

These items were used both as barter, which usually occurred in a market place, and as tribute. As tribute, the King of Azcapotzalco received fish and sea fowl.³ Also, foodstuffs and raw materials, foreign and native to the Valley of Mexico, were used. These included warriors' and priests' costumes, mantles, pottery, and other items of craftsmanship.⁴

As the exchange of specialized items developed, there grew the need for a definite place of exchange. Gradually, centers were established where these items could be exchanged, and still exist in the markets. Barter was the only means of exchange. The value of the items used was established by its desirability and rarity. The cacao bean, called nibs or grains, of cacao, was used to balance the inequalities of exchange. This bean was distinct from the type used for the beverage.⁵ They were counted as *tzontles*, equal to four hundred cacao beans; twenty *tzontles* made one *jiquipil*, and three *jiquipils*, one *carga*.⁶ Frances Toor described the markets as follows:

Markets constituted the only pre-Conquest places for trade, so that every

product was found in them — from foodstuffs to the very finest of cloths and the most precious of jewels — each kept in a separate section as in our modern department stores. Everything that was for sale, even slaves, was sold in the market places. Markets were held on fixed days. Among the Aztecs they were made attractive with the celebration of games and fiestas, but also there were laws forcing the people to attend with their wares, and there was a fine for selling them on the way. But the people then, as now, enjoyed going to market; the early missionaries complained that they preferred attending markets to churches.⁷

The most precious items that they bartered was jade. It was their custom to place their most precious possession with a dead person, to allow him to have something of value to take into the next world. This jade was often used to bury with the deceased if the family could afford it. They gave more value to silver than to gold, because gold was more abundant.⁹ When Cortes searched for metal for artillery pieces, he discovered tin pieces circulating as money in several provinces, and learned that a tin mine was worked around Taxco.¹⁰

Around Oaxaca, prior to the coming of the Spaniards, the Indians made T-shaped scrapers from copper, called *Tajaderas*. These were very thin, and while fairly large, were the closest thing to coined money that the Aztecs had.¹¹ These *tajaderas* are still in abundance around Mitla, and may be purchased as souvenir items for about one peso each.

The cloth that was used to barter with was called *patolquachtli*. These were used to purchase items of little value, of immediate necessity.¹²

Golden quoits or *quauhtli* were used by the kings to make purchases of relatively high cost. It is also believed that they paid the gambling losses of the kings, and served as money to some extent.¹³

In the pre-Conquest days, the people were used to getting along on what they produced and exchanged. Usually each family had its own plot of ground which they worked. However, with the coming of the white men, and the plantation system, the henequen workers of Yucatan adapted themselves to working for other people. But they still were paid in goods under a system that was not too difficult for them to learn, considering their background.

There were tokens of nickel, copper, brass, or lead, usually ill-made, and not at all artistic, which were given to the employees for their labor. Some were even made by American concerns, like those which carried the name of the manufacturer, the American Railway Supply Company, of New York. Many were perforated, on the Chinese coin style, to facilitate carrying them. These tokens were known as *fichas*, *guitones*, and *contrasenas*.

When the henequen worker cleared an area of four hundred square meters, known as *mecates*, he was given a token (*ficha* or *contrasena*) representing one *mecate*, or one *mecate de Chapeo*, *chapeo* meaning the weeding and cleaning of the area.

Fichas, round and rectangular, of brass were used on the Santa Maria Chi hacienda, to pay the workers for cutting the leaves from the henequen plant. Thus, a round *ficha* represented 250 leaves, and a rectangular one 2,000 leaves.

The machines on the plantations were powered by wood-burning steam engines. For each stack of wood delivered which was two yards

long, two yards high, and one yard wide, called a *tarea*, the employee received a *contrasena*. Each employee scraping 100,000 leaves was given a *ficha* representing one hundred units. For the employees traveling on the electric cars to the plantations from their homes, passes were given them, as the one marked "VALE POR UN PASE A KANCABCHEN."

These tokens were supposed to be exchanged for national currency on the plantations, but sometimes they circulated in the adjoining towns as money. These *fichas* were used until a decree by the governor of Yucatan, on February 9, 1915, declared them illegal.¹⁴

The market is still the important place of barter, purchase, and sale. Granted, it has many innovations over the old markets — money circulates some, many new items are offered for sale, and Spanish is spoken as well as the Nahuatl language, but the essential charm of the Indian market still prevails.

It is still an important social period — some say that the Indians will not sell their wares on the way to market because if they do, they'll miss the social contact. Frances Toor has this to say about the matter:

There is a current story which tourists without realizing the psychological reason for it love to tell about some craftsmen who would not sell their wares even at double price before reaching the market place. When a native goes to market to sell something, he feels he has no reason for going if he has already accomplished his mission; also his refusing to sell before reaching the market may have some remote connection with the ancient law forbidding such transactions. Customs are often preserved without anyone remembering the reason for their existence. One asks a native why he does something and his laconic reply is, "Es costumbre," "It is the custom."¹⁵

Others declare that if the Indians sell on the way to the market, they are afraid that they will displease the market gods. Frances Toor continues:

The custom of fixed market days exists now and the natives prefer markets to stores; in fact, even though they may buy things in a store, they never own one. For them, the markets are not only commercial but also social institutions, where they go to meet old friends and to make new ones; to exchange gossip and to have a good time.

The present-day markets are departmentalized, especially the larger ones, where everything is sold, from small objects to supply the kitchen to clothes and personal adornments. The Mexicans, with their artistic sense of order and composition, arrange even the vegetables in beautiful patterns. In the markets where there are no stalls, there is an unwritten law which permits each vendor always to occupy the same place and all those selling the same things do it in groups; and even on the ground they arrange their wares artistically.¹⁶

Miguel Covarrubias describes marketing in Tehuantepec as follows:

Whether the men go to the fields or work in town, from dawn till sunset Tehuantepec becomes a woman's world. Everywhere there are busy women moving about, carrying heavy loads on their heads to and from the market, buying, selling, gossiping. All activity flows toward the market, and a simple glance at the products displayed affords a vivid picture of the economy of Tehuantepec. Everything the region produces is there in its traditional allotted place: rows of luscious fruits and vegetables, stands of meat and fish, fresh and dried, shrimps, cheese, butter, flowers of all sorts, long rolls of fresh banana leaf for wrapping, baskets of corn, piles of *totopos*, steaming baskets of tamales, turtle eggs, rows of onions, sandals, straw hats, mats, fiber nets, hammocks, black potter from Jichitan, green glazed plates from Oaxaca, sausages, gaily lacquered gourds from

Chiapas, embroidered blouses, food of all sorts, coffee and chocolate stands, and even a small table with a display of gold jewelry.

It is evident that only women sell in the markets; the meek and rare men seen there come from elsewhere; *serranos* from Oaxaca who sell fiber goods, and Huave who bring in fish, shrimps, and turtle eggs. Should a *tehuano* dare set a stand in the market, the sharp tongues of the women would quickly drive him away.¹⁷

The type of workmanship still distinguishes the origin of the market items.

In some parts of Mexico, cacao beans still are used as a medium of exchange, and their possession constitutes a measure of wealth.¹⁸

We are told that the custom of hiding money in the ground prevails, and no inducement whatsoever would persuade an Indian to entrust his money to another.¹⁹ The recent *aftosa* campaign in Mexico illustrates this point. The Indians who have had their cattle condemned not only do not understand why their cattle were killed, but find it difficult to handle the money that they are paid for the animal. Other animals are not the same to them, and they will not place their money in a bank, so spending it or hiding it are the only recourses left.

The present-day Mayans still use the cacao bean, small copper bells, precious stones, and rare shells for money.²⁰

The Tarahumaras of Chihuahua do not use national money for their exchange today, but a unit called a *chiva*. Relative values include one blanket equal to ten or twelve chivas; a hectolitre of corn equals eight chivas, etc. They rarely have occasion to exchange with themselves, but use this system when exchanging with white people or other tribes of Indians. Also, they exchange kilograms of salt for cattle.²¹

Thus, it can be seen that the white man has made a marked difference in the marketing methods of the Indians of Mexico, but at the same time, many of the original methods are kept, or operate side by side with the new innovations.

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WHAT HAPPENS TO A MAJOR COIN COLLECTION IN WARTIME

By Harvey L. Hansen, San Jose, California

What happens to a public coin collection of major proportions when war strikes should be of interest to all coin collectors as they know the concern that they all feel for the safety of their own individual collections. In this connection, it may be interesting to know what took place in the Royal Coin and Medallic Collection in Copenhagen during World War II. The Collection is located in the building of the National Museum in the heart of Copenhagen and is one of the major European numismatic collections.

When war broke out in Europe on Sunday, September 3, 1939, the Collection was closed to the public at 3:00 p.m., and the employees immediately started to pack up the collection of Danish gold medals and coins that amounted to some 30 kilograms of gold. It is interesting to note that cases and packing materials were ready in storage from the first World War, and as Curator Georg Galster was also in charge at that time, the packing of the material progressed rapidly. While the National Museum's other divisions placed their valuable collections in various parts of Denmark's countryside, the coin collection boxes were placed in a basement in Copenhagen and even if they were somewhat secure, their location was far from being too assuring as regards safety.

Later on, after April 9, 1940, (the date on which Denmark was invaded by the Nazis) and after August 29, 1943, (when the Nazis decided to make a greater show of their occupational strength after strong Danish opposition) much larger portions of the collection were stored in a similar manner. In place of the normal exhibition of valuable coins and medals, there was exhibited already in the days following September 3, 1939, medals, coins and necessity notes from 1914-18. This had for its purpose the education of the public as to what took place at that time and included among others the German medal featuring the triumphal entry into Paris which did not take place and the worthless billion mark notes. The Collection's three guards received instructions after April 9, 1940, not to understand German and not to carry on conversations with the visiting public. Among the visitors from time to time were German soldiers of the Wehrmacht, but they acted very quietly and did not cause any difficulty.

In all the five years, not a single German came to the office of the Collection to seek information. The very few letters that arrived from German coin dealers, numismatists or others were placed unanswered in the files with the notation "silentium." The Collection's office and library were constantly open as during normal times. Somewhat annoying, particularly during the close of the war, were the many air raid alarms because the employees had orders from the Danish authorities to retire to the basement and stay there as long as the raids continued.

In March 1939, the Collection had employed a German-Jewish numismatist, who very soon learned the Danish language, and from April 9, 1940, he spoke only Danish. In October of 1943, it became necessary for him to escape to Sweden and one of the officials from another museum helped him to get away at great personal danger to himself. He received employment in the Royal Coin Cabinet in Stockholm and much to the surprise of the Danish coin collection, no one sought information regarding him. However, the Collection also had working for it a previously unemployed clerk, an elderly Russian-German-Jewish businessman, and he was taken prisoner in his home in October 1943 and transported to the concentration camp at Theresienstadt. He did, however, arrive back in Denmark in good health after the war. No inquiry

was made regarding him at the office of the Collection after he was taken prisoner and removed.

Immediately after the liberation of Denmark on May 5, 1945, the packing cases were taken from their hiding places in various basements and in the course of a week's time, the coin exhibits were again in place in the halls of the Collection.

The story as told, came to me in a personal letter from Curator Georg Galster who very modestly states that he doesn't think much interest took place in the Royal Coin and Medallion Collection during the war. To those of us however, who were far from the scenes of war and occupation, it does appear to have been a time of much anxiety and that the matter of preserving intact a major coin and medallion collection will always be of interest to numismatists throughout the world.

Obituaries

WILLIAM W. HINCHMAN, A.N.A. 12987

William W. Hinchman passed away after a two day illness at his home in Colorado Springs, April 29, 1949, at the age of 46.

Mr. Hinchman was born in Detroit in 1903, of an old and distinguished Detroit family. He received his education in Detroit schools and by private tutors. During his active life he was employed by the Detroit Free Press and the Stormfelts-Lovely Real Estate Company.

Coming to Colorado Springs twenty-three years ago as a health seeker; Mr. Hinchman became seriously interested in coin collecting in 1941, while convalescing, and became an authority in the science of numismatics.

He will be greatly missed because in character he was always most kindly and attractive, and had many friends.

— M. McNEILL

WILLIAM ALEXANDER JULIAN, Treasurer of the United States

William A. Julian, Treasurer of the U. S. was killed instantly in a head-on automobile crash on River road, Bethesda, Maryland, May 29, 1949.

The driver's license he carried listed him as 78. "Who's Who in the Nation's Capital," 87, and close friends said he probably was 87.

Born in Frankfort county, Kentucky, he was graduated from Dobbs college in Frankfort in 1888.

Mr. Julian began his career in his home-town bank but later went to Cincinnati, where he continued his banking career with much success.

Since he became Treasurer of the United States in 1933 he had "signed" an estimated \$89,000,000,000 in United States currency.

Mrs. TEODOLINA BRUNI HEUSINGER

It is with deep regret that we report the death of the wife of Edward W. Heusinger, A.N.A. 572 (L.M. 118). Mrs. Heusinger died of a heart attack on May 8th at her home in San Antonio, Texas. She was a descendant of a pioneer San Antonio family and was one of the 15 "members of honor" representing the descendants of original settlers during the Bi-Centennial held in 1931.

Active in social work, she was a member of several women's clubs and church societies. She was also treasurer of the Pan-American Round Table since 1928.

In addition to her husband she is survived by two sons, a daughter, and five grandchildren. We extend our sincere sympathy to Mr. Heusinger and his family in this time of need.

DAVID CASSEL WISMER, A.N.A. 36

On May 31, D. C. Wismer died in his home in Hatfield, Pa. He was 92. With his passing the numismatic world loses one of its most illustrious scholars and truest friends.

A more detailed obituary will appear in the next issue of this magazine.

AN UNPUBLISHED PHILIPPINE COUNTERMARK

By F. XAVIER CALICO, Barcelona, Spain

The interesting articles on Philippine numismatics that have been published in *The Numismatist* have awakened a keen interest in Spain for the series of the Philippine Islands, very specially so regarding those coins of different countries countermarked for circulation in the P. I. since all these varieties considerably enrich the Spanish colonial series.

The Filipino origin of the countermark F^o 7^o surmounted by the Spanish Royal Crown has been well established and documentarily proved originally by Adolfo Herrera in "El Duro"¹ and more recently confirmed by Drs. P. I. de Jesus² and Gilbert Perez³; the different varieties of the die⁴ have been studied, and very considerable knowledge has been gained already which will no doubt increase in the near future, and we hope to be able to contribute to it by the study of a documentary source which has recently come to our notice.

At the present stage in the study of the said countermark, it seems that there is one obscure point which we will now attempt to clear up by taking advantage of a lucky discovery.

In the edict of Don Pascual Enrile, Governor and Captain-General of the Philippines, dated 27th October 1832, it was provided that, in order to replace the die of the countermark ordered in the decree under date of 13th October 1828 which had been damaged, a new die composed of a small oval and the Royal Crown with the cipher F. 7 in the centre, should be employed from that date onwards.

According to this regulation, the new countermark was accordingly to be oval instead of round which is the form of all the countermarks of this type on the coins, except for some irregular ones that for their resemblance to others of Isabella II might perhaps be considered as of the later period of Ferdinand VII.⁵

For a long time we were puzzled by the evident contradiction between what had been ordered in the above decree and what was to be found on the coins.

The problem admits of two solutions:

- 1st. The Governor had used the word "oval" but the countermark was really round.
- 2nd. The countermark the Governor referred to was to be oval, but another of round form was afterwards substituted.

The first solution was hardly satisfactory as we had sufficient reasons to reject it, since it was difficult to admit that the word "oval" had been erroneously employed instead of the word "round." Further, it was impossible to admit that the Governor should not know the countermark, as in the same decree it was stated that the "Ministros de las Reales Cajas de las Islas" had submitted the design to him.

The second solution was much more attractive but it had the inconvenience of being only an assumption without any basis.

The question therefore remained unsolved, and it was very little likely that it should some day be clarified, for it was hard to believe that the Governor should have published an edict for an alteration of such little importance.

The only thing therefore that would clear the doubt was the unlikely discovery of the design mentioned in the decree, or failing this, of a coin countermarked in conformity with the description made of it in the same document. Chance has come to our aid in our finding the coin which we reproduce and consider as the missing link in the chain.

The coin in question belongs to the important collection of Don Domingo Sastre, of Madrid and is a 5 lire of 1809, struck in Milan, in the name of Napoleon I.

The countermark is perfectly *oval* and it is located in the centre of the coin, right on the face of the Emperor.



A close examination of the countermark on this coin not only leads us to identify it with the one described in the decree of Don Pascual Enrile, but some of its details suggest the possibility of its being a sort of coining proof of this particular countermark. In support of the foregoing we would adduce the following considerations and subsequent comments:

- 1st. The design of the Spanish Royal crown is much more accurate than that in the round countermarks.

Doubtless as this was a new monetary design it would have to be submitted not only to the chief authorities in the Philippines but also to the attention of the highly placed in the home Government who would rather judge of its merit by its appearance than by its value in practical use, especially when this countermark was going to take the place of the one established in 1828, which had turned coins into shapeless pieces. So it is not surprising that considerable care was taken in the execution of the new countermark.

- 2nd. The very central setting of the countermark on the coin.

Indeed if, as we suggest, it is a die proof of the new countermark, it is only natural that in order to create the best possible impression of the whole coin, the utmost attention should be given to the setting or placing of the countermark upon the coin.

- 3rd. The fact that this countermark appears on a Napoleonic coin.

In order to give due weight to this interpretation, several factors must be kept in mind.

This occurrence cannot possibly be considered as mere chance, because this coin would not circulate in the Philippines since its weight was considerably lower than that of the piece-of-eight current at the time.

The pieces-of-eight, cobs, pillar dollars and milled coins of Mexico and other Latin American countries⁶ weighed very nearly 27 grs. whereas the coins of Napoleon I, based on the decimal system of the franc or the lira weighed only 25 grs.

In spite of this, were these coins to have circulated, others would probably have been presented to be countermarked, principally on account of the above mentioned difference in weight, and by now some of them would be known with the later round countermark; nevertheless none has as yet turned up, at least up to the present.

Consequently, if we accept that the coins of Napoleon I were not circulating in the Philippines we shall then be bound to accept that the 5 lire coin of Napoleon I on which the oval countermark is shown, was purposely selected to be countermarked and that there must have been some reason for so doing.

The only reason that seems convincing to us is just the one most closely relating to Don Pascual Enrile, who issued the decree which established the countermark, and it is necessary to recall some traits of his character as well as details from the biography of this personage. Incidentally, the military career of General Enrile began in Spain during the War of Independence against Napoleon I, and he distinguished himself in numerous actions during that campaign, rising to the rank of "Capitan de Fragata."⁷ Soon after the war had ended, he was appointed second-in-command of the expedition sent to Central America on the 17th of February 1815⁸ commanded by General Morillo, and became famous in this campaign for his passionate enthusiasm in defending the Spanish Cause⁹ in consequence of which he was later appointed Captain General of the Philippine Islands.

Having thus given an outline of the circumstances connected with the author of the decree, it seems likely that a coin of Napoleon I would be specially chosen to serve as proof for the new countermark, since the proof would obviously be submitted for the approval of Don Pascual Enrile himself.

On the coin itself some details can be observed from which it is easy to deduce why this oval countermark was finally discarded.

Owing to the excessive size of the countermark die, the coin has become slightly concave in shape, and a portion of the reverse of it is obliterated. This does not tally with the provision made in the decree, which when referring to the countermark so far used particularly states that the adoption of a simpler countermark should cause less damage to the coins.¹⁰

In conclusion, we consider that the countermark we now publish to be a proof of the die provided for in accordance with the decree of the 27th of October, 1832, that the die was not normally used on account of technical difficulties, and that another die round, smaller in size and of simpler execution was substituted. We believe that the above reasons are sufficient to support our thesis, although do not forget that we lack documentary proofs, probably nonexistent in order to make our arguments decisively unquestionable; time and the valuable opinion of specialists will either confirm our standpoint (in which case we should be gratified), or destroy our theory, in which case our interest would perhaps be increased still more.

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SIXTH ANNUAL PACIFIC NORTHWEST COIN CONVENTION

The Oregon Numismatic Society and The Seattle Coin Club on May 14-15, 1949, held the Sixth Annual Pacific Northwest Coin Convention at Centralia, Washington. Centralia being almost exactly halfway between Portland and Seattle a good attendance was enjoyed. Headquarters of the Convention as in the past was the Lewis and Clark Hotel. The Hotel management is to be congratulated on their fine cooperation and excellent accommodations. The convention committee consisting of Lloyd L. Ruff, Chairman; W. E. Daniel, Assistant Chairman; W. A. Thompson, Secretary; Stephen Bibler, Treasurer; and Christian Petersen. Local Arrangements functioned perfectly to produce a well organized and thoroughly enjoyable affair.

On Saturday afternoon May 14, the clans began to gather, arriving via covered wagons, horseless carriages, afoot, etc. The afternoon was consumed with registration, renewing acquaintances, swapping and even more dubious activities. A most enjoyable dinner was had with speeches being kept to a minimum. We then retired to another room for the meeting of the evening, conducted by Lloyd Ruff. After a few introductory remarks, Paul Fouts was introduced and gave his well prepared talk on the Sales Tax Tokens of Washington State. This was a real treat for the Oregon contingent as well as the Washingtonians who had the privilege before. Mr. Fouts displayed his collection of tokens which is the most complete in the State. Following this talk was an auction of donated material with proceeds going toward the convention expenses, conducted by Jack Casey, President of the Oregon Numismatic Society. None present had ever experienced such an auction as that - hilarity reigned supreme, Jack Casey with his extemporaneous wit kept the crowd in an uproar. What popular lady District Secretary of Western Washington almost busted something as a result of his antics? Following the auction, we dispersed to small discussion groups.

Sunday morning was devoted to arranging our displays. They were of high caliber and were very well presented. The Numismatic Gallery donated prize ribbons for the four displays judged the most worthy. These were determined by an anonymous jury of three. First Prize was awarded to Howard Glickert for his display of Off Metal Freaks, Blanks, and overdate half dollars. Second Prize Ribbon went to Jimmy Padden for his Gold and Silver Coins of Japan and Imitation Japanese Gold Plate Coins. Third Prize to Mrs. D. D. DeNise for her outstanding collection of Religious Tokens, beautifully presented and entitled "The First Freedom." Fourth Prize to B. A. Talmadge for his Quarter Eagles and Complete Set Uncirculated Mexican Centarios. A total of twenty-four members displayed their favorite items and the jury must have had quite a time selecting the winners.

Following the Sunday afternoon banquet, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Ruff and turned over to Toastmaster Paul Fouts. This latter for the sixth consecutive year. Paul always does a fine job of this duty. The afternoon program consisted of a most enjoyable and instructive paper on Communion Tokens by Mrs. DeNise, a discussion on English Coinage by J. J. Padden and a humorous discourse of Tales of the Columbia by Felix Baranovich. Following these talks, the convention adjourned and a spirited auction was held.

The souvenir piece of this Convention was a 7½¢ wooden nickle. This item was designed and minted by the Portland boys and was a complete surprise to the Seattle Club. These unusual pieces, the answer to the soft drink manufacturers' prayers are available in very limited quantities to collectors.

— WALDO B. CHRISTENSON, Secretary
Seattle Coin Club

President's Page



The A.N.A., ever mindful of the requirements of the coin collectors of this country, is determined that its program for the establishment of a Numismatic Agency in Washington will be realized.

At every annual convention for at least the past 20 years, efforts have been made to get such an agency established. We feel that the mint and treasury officials should take a realistic view of this problem, study the matter objectively with a positive approach.

It is true that for a short time, upon proper application, one may obtain 2 specimens only of those coins struck at each mint. This is all to the good so far as it goes, but it doesn't go far enough. Hardly without exception coins acquired are scratched, heavy with thumb prints, and are thereby made unfit as numismatic specimens. Our association represents fine collectors in this country, from the beginners to the advanced students, who should have the benefit of perfect coins.

The history of the world is portrayed through and upon coins, medals, and paper money. This is true not only of ancient coins with respect to their countries; it is likewise emblematic of our coinage. Struggles of our forefathers, hardships of the pioneers, feats of our great men and women, cultural accomplishments, all are signified on our paper money and coins. Trips through the Smithsonian Institution will point out the many struggles, adventure, romance, and development of this country portrayed on the

mediums of exchange used since America's discovery.

The American Numismatic Association represents the numismatists of this country. In view of this fact we feel that our mint and treasury officials should encourage the hobby of coin collecting. Their encouragement to stamp collectors has been very beneficial, and in addition, a most profitable enterprise for the Treasury Department. Naturally, the establishment of a Numismatic Agency in Washington can become just as profitable. We do not ask that this agency be set up at no cost to the collectors. We are willing and eager to have the necessary expense of running such an agency added to the cost of the coins in order that we may procure carefully selected specimens of the various coins struck from the three mints. Under this plan there will be no extra burden placed on the budget of the Treasury Department or on the Director of the Mint.

The more young people that our government and the A.N.A. can get interested in collecting coins, and thereby help to keep busy minds purposefully occupied, the greater will be this country's fruits in good citizenship.

To make relatively easy the acquisition of good specimens of our coins will stimulate thrift, as well as add to the enjoyment and pleasure derived from the hobby of coin collecting.

The chairman of the committee for the establishment of a numismatic agency in Washington, D. C., is Colonel Jos. Moss, and his fellow workers are Captain O. H. Dodson, and Mr. Vernon L. Brown. They have had one conference with the Director of the Mint and Treasury officials. We hope to have some favorable information for you by the time of our annual meeting, which will be held in San Francisco, California, August 20-25, 1949.

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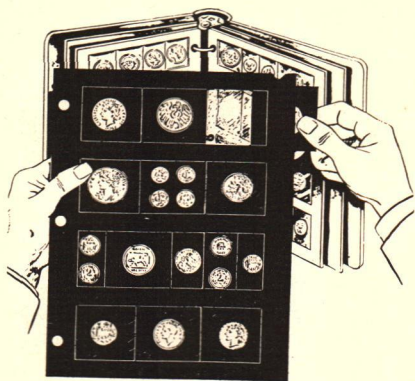
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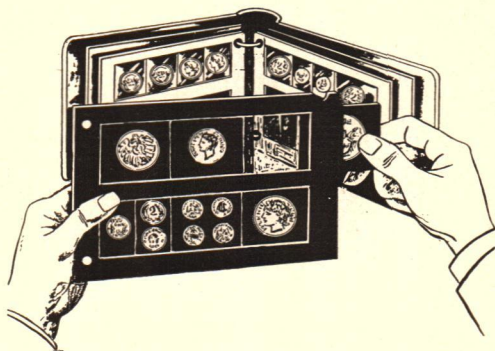
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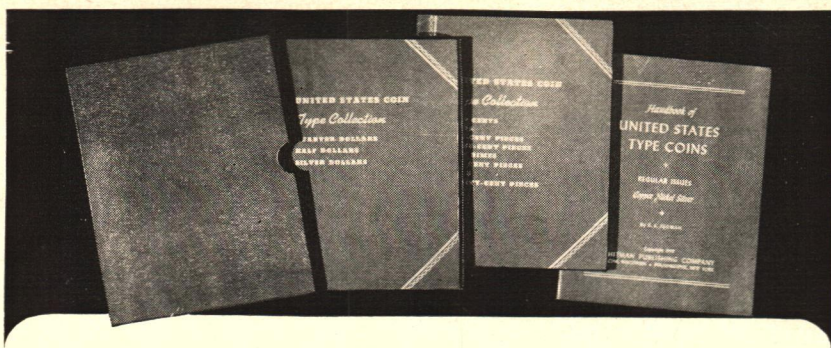
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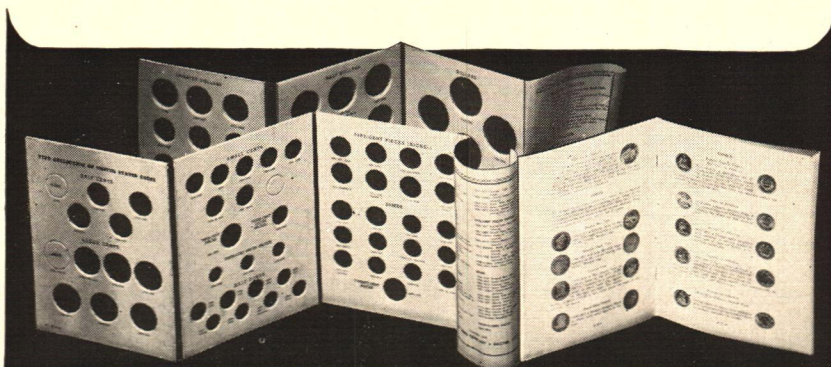


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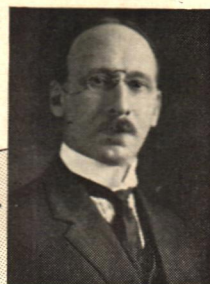
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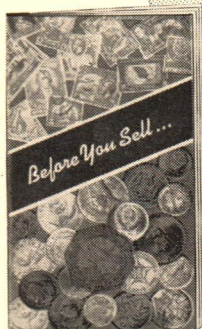
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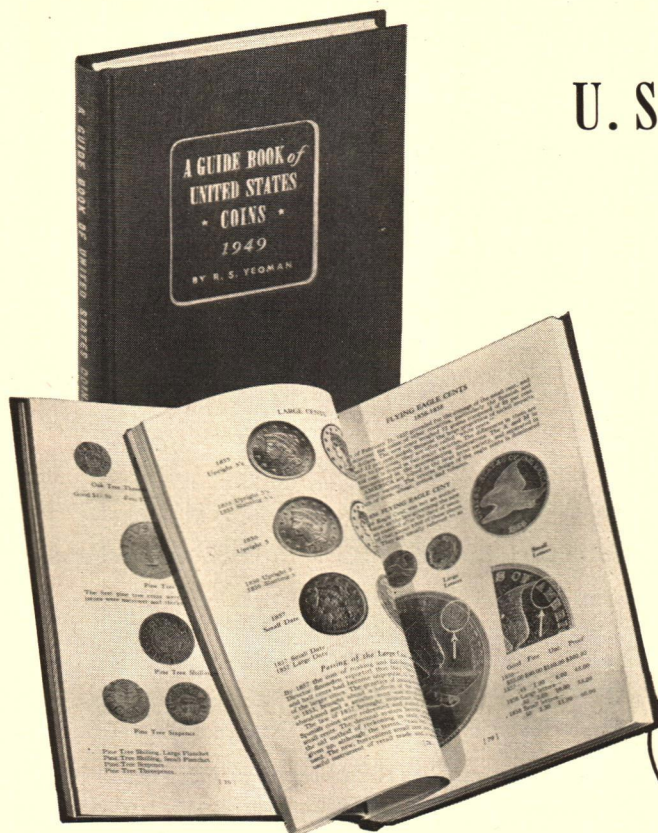


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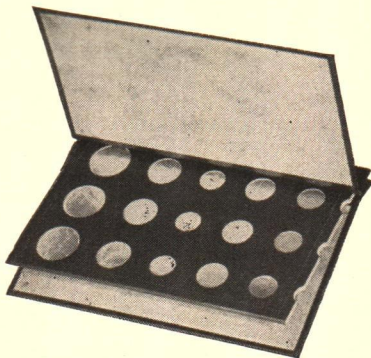
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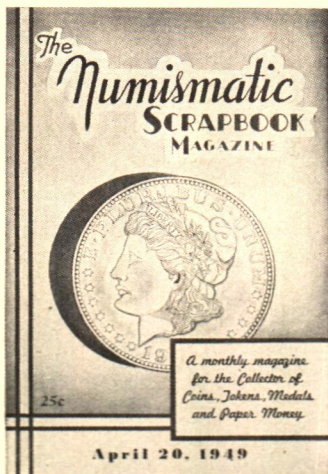
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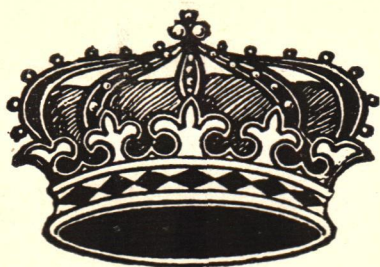
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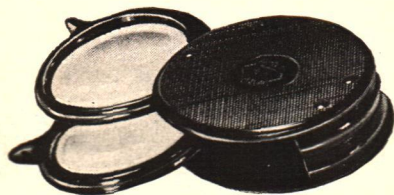
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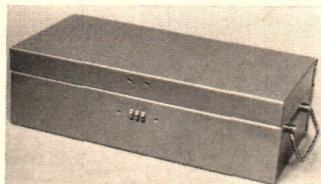
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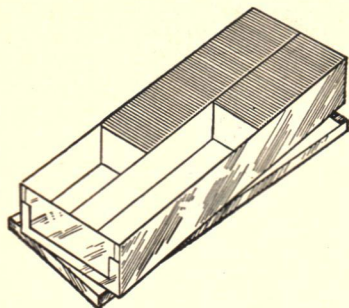
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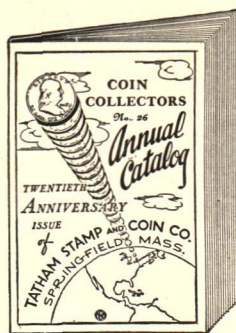
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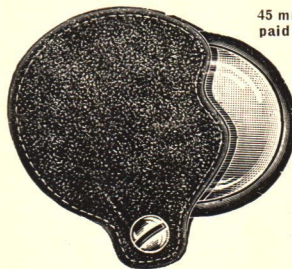
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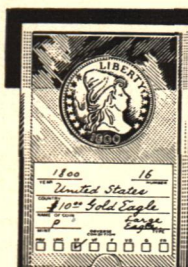
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ECONOMICS AND NUMISMATICS

By V. L. ARRINGTON, Oakland, Calif.

The basic value of our dollar, economically speaking, and with regard to the laws of supply and demand, being as they are; let us examine how we are affected as coin collectors.

Everyone knows how the value of the dollar has been on a steadily downward trend for the past ten years. Starting with 1939 and 40 the dollar would buy one hundred cents worth of merchandise. The following figures represent the buying power of the dollar for the years 1941 to 1948: 94¢, 85¢, 80¢, 78¢, 76¢, 70¢, 60¢, 40¢. In other words when one pays two and one half dollars now for a coin; he could have bought the same item in 1939 for one dollar. We will come back to this.

We must, however, consider the law of supply and demand. When the demand is high and the supply low, we must expect higher markups when buying. Since the supply, when we are speaking of coins for collectors, is low and constantly made lower by an influx in collectors, as shown by doubling our membership in The American Numismatic Association, and by increasing memberships in our local clubs, we need not consider the reverse side of the law of supply and demand. The supply, sharply inadequate, can never be augmented by a new shipment arriving and thus meeting the demand, with the resultant lowering of prices, because the dies which make the commodity in which we are interested have long since been defaced, and no new supply will ever be available.

At the present time many collectors have stopped buying coins because they feel that prices are dropping and are likely to sag still further. In a sense, this is true if we believe only the evidence of our eyes in seeing lower figures on coins offered for sale. This phenomena is a mirage and hides the reality taking place behind the scenes. Actually in the past two to four months our dollar has risen from its low of forty cents back, according to latest figures available, to around sixty-two cents in buying power. For this reason our dealers, speculators, and collectors selling duplicates, are able to sell for less on the price tag, because all are able to buy as many necessities at the reduced price with a sixty-two cent dollar as they were at the inflated price when the dollars buying power was only forty cents.

Let's not play ostrich in the sand, or pull the wool over our own eyes with deceptive promises. The value of a coin for collection purposes is constant for any period of time that the demand remains the same. That constant for the given period is variable to increase as demand and membership grow, and would be sensitive to decrease, if we had not already considered that as highly unlikely. The demand could only be lowered by a tremendous drop in members of our clubs and Association.

It is the fluctuation of the buying power of the dollar, that seemingly raises or lowers prices of the items we desire.

Now we come to another phase of the supply of coins. The original supply is also constant; being that number of coins in the hands of collectors, from which even dealers must draw their stock. Did you notice in a recent issue of *The Numismatist* that we had added 120 new members to our organization, but had 59 resignations? By those figures alone, demand will increase two to one over possible supply; that is providing the 59 resigning members put their collections on the market. That is not always true, in fact it is seldom the case, as many inactive collectors hold their coins until the day of their death. Fortunately, the death rate among collectors is no higher than elsewhere, but that does not tend to increase the number of collections and thereby augment the supply of coins on the market.

Commenting further, let me redirect you to the first part of this article where it was stated we must pay \$2.50 now for a coin which could have been purchased in 1939 for one dollar. Actually one who watches prices of coins obtained at auction sales, either public or at local club sales, can do better, and possibly buy a 1939 one dollar item, for as little as two dollars now. Using a forty cent dollar and making the above purchase, the collector is actually buying the coin at an all time low, and may consider himself lucky

and a shrewd buyer. If you wish to await further price tag drops, pray do, but rest assured that you will be paying the same, or maybe more; if demand increased in the meantime, in relation to the buying power of the dollar. It is also well to remember that the common coins, especially as to condition, are more or less steadily available as collectors drop out, but RARE and SCARCE coins, usually held by ardent collectors with no intention of quitting, have a tendency to go into hiding when deflation is at work. It is sometimes many years before they are again offered.

Personally I would rather pay a little more and get the item desired, which tends to keep one out of the mental institutions, as noted in one article recently, than to worry over when, where, and how to fill that space in the collection.

In closing, let me say to you, that if you enjoy Numismatics and get the physical, spiritual, and mental uplift that is brought about by this hobby, then by all means gratify your desires for coins; because it is a better form of health insurance and brings a greater sense of well-being than any other pursuit I could possibly recommend. Attend your local clubs; you will be greatly benefited by the enthusiasm and good spirits of such gatherings. Most of us, as much as we would like to do so, are unable to attend annual conventions across the country; that is why I am keenly anticipating, and looking forward with pleasure to meeting many of my "mail" friends personally, at our 58th annual convention on August 21 through 24 at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO CABLE CARS AWAIT YOU

Next month—August—is the 76th Anniversary of the first cable car operation in San Francisco, so come on out and enjoy this unique mode of travel midst all the modern modes that have as yet to change the basic cable car as introduced way back in 1873. Some things just don't change through the years and it is indeed remarkable that our cable cars have not been greatly improved upon, what with all the miracles of advancements made in all fields of endeavor the past three quarters of a century.

No city has rides comparable to that of the cable cars of San Francisco. The panoramic views you can get from any of the hill-tops they reach are memorable sights indeed, for you are generally higher up than most downtown skyscrapers of any modern American cities, yes, even Chicago or New York. From the corner of Grant Ave., and O'Farrell St., at Market St., just a block and a half up from the Palace Hotel, you can board the storied "Hyde Street Grip" of the California Cable line and follow its winding course to the Bay, just west of Fisherman's Wharf. Or, if you prefer, you could transfer to the Taylor & Bay car on the Powell St. line, just up O'Farrell St. 2 blocks, and get to Taylor and Bay, just in front of Fisherman's Wharf, this ride takes you up over fabulous Nob Hill. Then there is the California Street Line that starts from the lower end of Market St. and goes up over Nob Hill through the financial district, Chinatown, Nob Hill, and then some exclusive residential area. So there is much for you to enjoy on our cable cars.

The clang, clang of the bell—sometimes to a familiar tune—adds notes of glamour to the trip as you round curves that call for a secure grip to your seat or whatever you can hang on to, lest you find yourself sprawled in the street. These cars seem to go faster around curves than on a straightaway—but that's only an illusion, for the speed of the cable is always the same, as all cars on the same line grip onto the same cable and are therefore moved at the same speed.

Here is truly a unique experience for you when you come to San Francisco, for you will really enjoy transportation that reads more like fiction than anything else in the world, yet that serves as the daily mode of travel for thousands who use it in matter of fact fashion on their daily travels to work or shopping, and think nothing of it.

Winding up a four-day stay in San Francisco on the day our A.N.A. Convention opens will be the Society of Philatelic Americans (S.P.A.) 55th Convention and big Philatelic Exhibition at the Whitcomb Hotel up Market St., at 8th. Those of you who may be interested in stamps might take note of this, and plan accordingly. Doubtless there will be S. P. A. members staying



a bit longer to see our Numismatic Exhibition, so there is opportunity for exchange visits.

Now it is up to you to decide NOW that you are coming to San Francisco, and to let Ed. Fogler, 717 Sutter St., San Francisco 9, Calif., know, so he can see that you have a place to sleep, unless you fall in love with one of our cable cars and decide that that's the place for shut-eye! Your reservations for exhibit space should be rushed to Roy Hill, 1140 Sutter St., San Francisco 9, Calif., so as much advance notice can be had to plan the exhibit layout as possible.

It's COOL in San Francisco late in August, with our invigorating evenings, and sometimes morning fogs, so bring some light wraps to keep you from getting cold. Sounds fantastic, to those who are used to the usual summer heat throughout the East, but come to San Francisco August 21st to 24th and you will see!

We'll See You in San Francisco

ROY HILL
For the
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CONVENTION OF THE CENTRAL STATES NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

The 1949 Convention of the Central States Numismatic Society was held at the Book Cadillac Hotel during the week end of May 13, 14, 15. The host for this year's Convention was the Detroit Coin Club.

Attendance was large. While there were 162 guests present at the Saturday night banquet there were actually many more collectors attending the Convention who did not go to the banquet.

The banquet was a huge success with J. Douglas Ferguson as toastmaster. Loyd B. Gettys and Richard S. Yeoman were the speakers for the evening. The dinner entertainment which was furnished by the Detroit "Kitchen" band went over big.

A tour of Ford's Greenfield Village was the only outside activity. The trip through the Ford automotive plant had to be cancelled due to the strike. Local ladies took visiting wives on private sightseeing tours.

James Kelly conducted the auction in three sessions. Highest price of the sale was \$1,250 for a strawberry 1793 cent.

The exhibit was unusually large and outstanding for a regional meeting. Lewis M. Reagan and Earl C. Brown acted as judges and made the following awards: First, M. Vernon Sheldon, coins of Syracuse; Second, A. F. Rand, coins of Poland; Third, Dr. Malcolm Tear, U. S. sets; Fourth, Paul Ginther, German commemoratives.

The Chicago Coin Club won the Numismatic Achievement Award for their work during the past year. A summary of their activities appears elsewhere in this issue of *The Numismatist*.

All of the A.N.A. officers were able to attend except Edward Fogler of San Francisco. A special meeting of A.N.A. officers was held during the Convention.

The following C.S.N.S. officers were elected for the coming year: R. S. Yeoman, President; L. W. Culver, Vice President; Arthur Rutz, Secretary-Treasurer; C. David Pierce, C. C. Shroyer, Carl T. Shelby, Paul Ginther, Hubert L. Polzer, Col. James W. Curtis, Harry X. Boosel, Board of Governors.

The Central Illinois Numismatic Society, Springfield, Illinois, was awarded the convention for 1950.

BUFFALO CLUB CELEBRATES 22ND ANNIVERSARY

The Buffalo Numismatic Association celebrated its 22nd Anniversary with a Hobby Show and Banquet at the Hotel Touraine on Saturday, May 7th, 1949. Eighty people enjoyed the afternoon and evening program, including: George J. Bauer, who is A.N.A. Life Member No. 4, B.N.A. Life Member No. 34 and a member of the Rochester Numismatic Assn.; R.N.A. President S. Clark Place and twenty-five more friends from Rochester; Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Payne of Jamestown; and B.N.A. members, their wives and friends.

The Hobby Show, in the Crystal Room, engaged the attention of everyone during the afternoon with such exhibits as: mechanical banks and small pitchers; blocks of United States Commemorative postage stamps; swords and knives; numismatic materials from the B.N.A. Coin Cabinet; Volunteer Fire Department ribbons and medals of early 20th Century meetings; picture and story buttons of famous people, etc.; ivory carvings and lace brought from India; frames of match book covers; miscellaneous souvenirs from Italy, also European war medals; miscellaneous items from Japan; also beautiful ceramics made by the daughter of one of our members. These were all hobbies of members and their wives and proved to be a welcome change from the usual "numismatics."

At 6:30 p.m. everyone went to the Oak Room, where a delicious dinner was served. Our toastmaster, Paul D. Williams, greeted the out-of-town guests and introduced Harry G. Maynor, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Mr. Maynor's talk on "The Work of the F. B. I." was very interesting and informative. After explaining the different Federal Bureaus and their functions and telling about some unusual cases, he graciously conducted a question and answer period, which gave us all a chance to question the F. B. I.! The applause accorded Mr. Maynor proved how much everyone enjoyed his part of the program.

— HAROLD W. HOOPLE, Secretary

EIGHTY ATTEND RACINE BANQUET

On Saturday, May 7, the Racine Numismatic Society played host to the North Shore Numismatic Society, at its Annual Banquet and Auction. Eighty members and guests were present, a number of them coming from distant points to help make the affair a success.

After the banquet, at which the Rev. A. G. Weiler acted as toastmaster, a short and humorous talk on hobbies was given by Henri Ripstra of Chicago.

The following officers were elected for the coming season: Louis Wilczynski president; Allen S. Porter, vice president; E. R. Hady, secretary.

M. Vernon Sheldon of the A.N.A., gave an interesting talk called "Money Makers," in which, with the help of specially prepared slides, he traced coinage from the days of the ancient Greeks to modern times.

Many exceptional displays of gold, silver, and copper coins were exhibited, along with rare paper currency.

— E. R. HADY, secretary

Library Notes

By T. R. HAMMER, A.N.A. Librarian

336 N. Clifton Ave., Wichita 8, Kans.

Bertram Smith of Berkeley, California, reports that Volume one of *The Numismatist* may be found at the following places:

Connecticut Historical Society, Hartford, Conn.; Watkinson library, Hartford, Conn.; Ryerson library (Art Institute), Chicago, Ill.; Tulane University, New Orleans, La.; Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.; Carnegie library, Pittsburgh, Pa.; and Richmond Public library, Richmond, Va.

The American Numismatic Society and American Numismatic Association libraries also have the first volumes, as well as some members of the American Numismatic Association and other collectors.

"Dealers say that the 15 rarest American coins are easily worth a total of \$16,000."

What are the 15 coins?

You'll have to read "Our Fifteen Rarest Coins," by E. H. Adams in the April, 1907, *Elder Monthly* for the answer. The library has the *Elder Monthly* bound together and the number is E-15. Also in the volume are many interesting numismatic works including a fine article on Biblical money.

• But don't all write for it at once.

Want to know the weight or size of a three-cent piece or first type silver dollar? Read "Illustrated History of the U.S. Mint," by George G. Evans. Mr. Evans issued such a work annually for several years in the 1870's and 1880's.

The books, although obtainable at \$1.50 to \$2.50 today, contain a brief history of coinage, history of the mint, names and short biographical sketches of mint officials and much other information. Although the library has three copies (each of a different year) the book often is on the back order list. The library number is E-7.

One library copy of E-7 is a more or less permanent loan by Secretary Lew Reagan and another belongs to the librarian. We have no copy for sale.

Eighteen months ago, we had as many as 10 back orders on file for "The Standard Paper Money Catalogue," by Mr. Wayte Raymond. Today, it is seldom that all copies are out. This may be due to the fact we obtained three extra copies—one from G. Popoff, one from Editor Stuart Mosher of *The Numismatist* and the other from the librarian. The supplements and newer data by Mr. Raymond always are sent with the book, which is number R-39.

While most borrowers want the work for the purpose of studying old and new types of U.S. paper money, many also use it to get information about colonial and continental notes (which are illustrated), paper money of the Confederate States of America and southern states, some use it for the listing of notes by cities and towns or fractional currency.

For several evenings of excellent reading entertainment, borrow "Coinage of the European Continent," by W. Carew Hazlitt (H-17).

In the introduction you will find much of interest about early and modern European coinages and rulers. There is a catalogue of European mints, catalogue of denominations, dated lists of European rulers and a descriptive outline of the coinages of Europe. Many, many coins are illustrated, but not all, of course.

Mrs. T. R. Hammer, wife of the librarian, says she uses this book more than any other with the possible exception of the Scott catalogues of coins of the world. She specializes in European as well as ancient coins, however.

What can we do for YOU now?

Numismatic Five and Ten

Here are some real bargains in numismatic literature. If this plan proves worthwhile, others will be listed later this year. All are from back issues of *The Numismatist*.

Available at 10 cents each:

"The Counterstamp of the Franciscan Circle of 1693-1695," "The Cowrie Shell in Primitive Currency

(illustrated)," "Nickel's Contribution to the Art of Coinage," "Ballaios of Pharos," all stapled together, 14 pages, from May, 1941, 10c for the group. "Augustus, the First Roman Emperor," "Danish Emergency Money (first World War)," "Emergency Currency or Scrip Issued in the U.S. During Depression Years 1931-34," "Candling Banknotes in Pioneer Iowa," "Collecting and Masonic Pennies," and "Nickel Patterns (illustrated)," stapled together, 10c for the group, 18 pages, February, 1941 *Numismatist*.

→ "Numismatics and the Vatican,"
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 → "Encased Postage Stamps," by John F. Jones, August, 1939, 8 pages, 10c.
 → "Numismatics of the Small Cent," by Wesley R. Hauptman, October, 1939, 5 pages, 10c; this article is one of the most popular work in the library. Another group stapled together, "Small Sized Federal Reserve Notes," "The Money of the Bible," "National Coin Collection of South Australia,"

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"Portraits on the \$2 Issues of U.S. Paper Money," March, 1943, 2 pages; "Suggestions to Contributors," 3 page article from March, 1945, issue, by Editor Stuart Mosher; "Making a Rubbing of a Coin," one page, March, 1945; "Silver Certificates - Series 1878-1880," 2 pages, March, 1945; "Encased Postage Stamps," by J. F. Jones, August, 1939, 8 pages; "Chinese Sycees," 1 page, August, 1939; "Condition of a Coin," 4 pages, April, 1945, by Stuart Mosher; "Miscellaneous Notes from U.S. Mint - Coins Made for Other Countries," 2 pages, March, 1945; "U.S. Eagle and Half Eagle," illustrated, 6 pages, March, 1945; "Lantern Slides on Coins," 5 pages, June and July, 1942; "The Lure of Odd Money," by Gilbert S. Perez, August, 1946; "The Preservation of Iron Coins," one page, August, 1946; "Moneys of the World," by Vernon L. Brown, 2 pages, November, 1940; "The Electors of the Holy Roman Empire," 5 pages, November, 1940; 2 articles stapled together, "Unique Portuguese Cruzado" and "Early Document Regarding Half Dime," half page each, November, 1940.

CHICAGO COIN CLUB WINS CSNS AWARD

The Central States Numismatic Society 1949 Numismatic Achievement Award was won by the Chicago Coin Club during the CSNS meeting in Detroit, May 13, 14, 15. This award was given in recognition of the club's activities during the year ending April 30, 1949. A report of these activities is given below to serve as a possible aid to other clubs in improving their own yearly programs.

Talks by Members Before Clubs and Other Groups:

Hawthorne Coin Club: M. A. Powills, "It's Legal Tender"; C. B. Smedley, "Freak Coins"; Col. J. W. Curtis, "Pattern Coins"; C. R. Ostrander, "Housing and Exhibiting Coins"; M. A. Powills, "The Romance of Oriental Coinage."

DuPage Coin Club: M. A. Powills and G. R. Ostrander.

Church: Fred I. Catalano.

Chicago Public Library: G. R. Ostrander, in November, before a large group; during National Coin Week G. R. Ostrander gave two talks at noon meetings while G. B. Smedley and M. V. Sheldon gave talks on two different evenings. These evening talks were illustrated. The library talks were announced in the newspapers, on the radio, and by notices given out by the library.

Exhibits:

During the month of November G. R. Ostrander had a nice exhibit at the Main Library.

Early in February Fred Catalano exhibited three cases of material at a church.

During February 19th to 27th ten members had exhibits at the World Hobby Exposition at the Coliseum and various members were on hand at different times to answer questions.

National Coin Week:

Chicago Coin Club really worked on this!

At our request Mayor Kennelly "proclaimed" National Coin Week in Chicago.

We had exhibits at 18 locations by 43 members.

We had 11 radio programs and announcements totaling about 60 minutes. We have the scripts on six of these and a wire recording of one.

We had one television program of two minutes on N.B.C. and have the script. (Total of 12 programs on nine different days from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. on four local stations and one network station.)

We received 26 column inches of publicity in Chicago newspapers and space in area and suburban papers.

A large number of posters announcing National Coin Week were placed in various windows and other spots in the city and suburbs.

Convention Attendance:

There were 32 members from Chicago at the Boston Convention. Some of our members attended the Iowa State, Ohio State, and Mid-West conventions. Several other clubs were visited by Chicago Coin Club members during the year.

Papers:

G. R. Ostrander wrote an article for publication in the National Library Magazine.

Dr. Joseph P. Reich, Col. James W. Curtis, Imre Molnar, Glenn Smedley, Elston C. Bradfield, have each had one or more papers published during the year.

M. A. Powells was Chairman of the Papers Committee for the A.N.A. and by hard work obtained more than 40 papers. Mr. Powells is Chairman of the Literary Awards Committee of the A.N.A. this year.

Junior Members:

Many juniors have attended our meetings as guests and our by-laws are now being revised to permit junior membership. Several members have helped various juniors by giving them coins, instruction, and advice. We expect to do more for the juniors when plans can be carried out.

Banquet:

Our Annual Banquet was held November 20, 1948, with 84 in attendance, several being from distant cities. At the banquet we had on exhibit 12 cases of choice material not mentioned above under "Exhibits" as those exhibits were not for public view.

Club:

Membership increased during the year from 178 to 194, and we have four applications in process.

Average attendance for the first five months of 1949 is 74.8.

A monthly letter was started by President Ostrander in February entitled "Chicago Coin Club Chatter."

We have had three auctions in 1949 and expect to have three or four more this year.

Plans are being made for the betterment of the Chicago Coin Club.

SPECIAL EXCURSION TO THE A. N. A. CONVENTION

Reservations for the 20-day, all-expenses paid sightseeing tour can still be made by writing Sol Kaplan, 413 Race Street, Cincinnati 2, Ohio. The "Special" leaves Chicago on August 13.

The Editors Corner

Presidential Medals Are Bargains

Dear Mr. Mosher:

I wonder how many collectors have paid \$50.00 for a Large Cent. That kind of money should make them "Numismatists." Do you suppose that many collectors realize that for fifty dollars they can obtain a set of medals of all the Presidents of the United States?

The preface of a book written by Satterlee in 1862 on the subject of Presidential Medals seems to be equally applicable to the present day. He wrote, "The object of this compilation is simply to invite the attention of American Numismatists to a class of Medals that has hitherto been greatly neglected; a class that is inferior to none in variety and interest, and that has a more immediate bearing on the history of our country than any other." (There were 360 medals mentioned in this volume.)

The obverse of the Presidential Medal usually has a bust portrait of the President, his name, and the words "President of the United States A.D. 18__" or in abbreviated form such as "Pres. U.S."

Many of the early medals have the same reverse — two hands clasped, a tomahawk and pipe crossed, and the words "Peace and Friendship"; however, various types have been struck using devices such as wreaths of roses or leaves, stars, scrolls, eagles, agricultural implements, Liberty, homes of the presidents, various inscriptions, etc. Inscriptions are generally a few words pertinent to the individual president or his deeds.

Presidential Medals have been struck in many sizes from 11½ to 64 mm. They have likewise been struck in various metals such as lead, copper, bronze, white metal and silver. Generally, we think of Presidential Medals as being of one size (48 mm), but with few exceptions the medals of each administration were struck in three different sizes, 32, 38 and 48 mm.

Many of the early medals were struck from dies that were not hardened and such medals exist only in soft metal. They belong to a series of "Peace Medals" authorized by Congress and struck at the U. S. Mint for distribution among the Indian tribes. In October 1861 there were some re-

strikes in bronze from the original dies.

Of the early presidential medals, a large number of types and varieties exist for Washington, Andrew Jackson, Martin Van Buren, W. H. Harrison, Zachary Taylor and Abraham Lincoln. There are probably more medals of both Washington and Lincoln than of all the other presidents combined.

These Presidential Medals were designed by men, many of whose names are familiar: DuVivier, Furst, Morgan, Barber and Sinnock, to mention just a few.

Much of the history of the United States is covered by the brief inscriptions on these medals and one may well wonder why there are not more collectors of them. Their cost is comparatively small; they are fairly large in size and well designed, make an attractive display and are interesting to non-collectors as well as collectors as was noticed particularly during a recent "hobby" show in Chicago and during National Coin Week.

Possession and frequent exhibition of Presidential Medals will help anyone to remember the order in which the presidents served — unless some of your readers may remember the sequence by taking the first letter of each word of an old saying: "When a Joke Made Me a Joker, Van Had to Poke the Fiery Poker; Ben Let John Go Hunting Geese and Crane." That gets us up to Grover Cleveland, but what are we going to do about the other ten?

Presidential Medals at \$1.50 each are a better buy than many other medals or coins at the same price. A list of these medals and others may be obtained from the Superintendent, U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

Sincerely,
EARL C. BROWN,
Chicago, Illinois

F. G. Duffield Collection Publicized

The May 15 issue of *The Sun Magazine*, Baltimore, Md., gave our Frank G. Duffield a fine illustrated feature story describing his famous collection of tokens and medals issued in Maryland.

Mr. Duffield began his collection back in 1890 and has been adding to it continually. At 82, he has lost none of his enthusiasm.

A copy of the story has been sent to the A.N.A. Library and we predict that there will be much demand for it.

Curious Countermark on 1815 Quarter

Dear Sir:

Quite some few years ago I purchased at a sale a U.S. quarter dollar of the year 1815. This coin is uncirculated but directly above the cap on the head of Liberty there is a small E struck incuse as though with a die. I wondered about it at the time and then forgot about it. My wonder struck me again during the time that the Numismatic Gallery was selling the "World's Greatest Collection." In the description of lot 35, Mr. Kosoff mentioned the quarter of 1815 with the incused E in the same position as the one I have. Inquiry of Mr. Kosoff brought the reply that he knew not the why of this E. I then forgot about it again. Just a few days ago during a visit to a coin shop in Denver, the proprietor showed me an uncirculated quarter of 1815 and it also had the E. He told me that he had sold it to a collector who returned it because of the E. I mentioned that mine had an E, and that also that Kosoff had one in his sale in 1945 with the E. So here I am again trying to find out the why of it.

I enclose a rubbing of the coin in question, but as the E itself does not show up very well, I have marked the spot.

I would appreciate hearing from other collectors who may be able to account for this countermark.

Very truly yours,

EDGAR LEVY, LM 154
1413 Mesa Avenue
Colorado Springs, Colo.

Green Collection Realizes \$98,067

On April 26, the fine collection of United States gold coins formed by Dr. Charles W. Green of New York City, was sold by B. Max Mehl, Fort Worth, Texas. The collection was nearly complete in each series from \$1 to \$20, including issues from the branch mints. The \$20 gold series

was complete with the exception of the unique 1849 issue which is in the National Coin Collection.

Some of the outstanding pieces realized the following prices:

Gold Dollars

1875 Proof	\$300
1855 D Mint. Ex. Fine	220
1856 D Mint. Very Fine	225
1861 D Mint. Ex. Fine	280

\$2½ Gold Pieces

1863 Proof	\$1090
1856 D Mint. Ex. Fine	215

Commemorative Gold

Set of \$1 and \$2½ gold. 11 Pieces, Unc.	\$265
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\$3 Gold Pieces

1876 Impaired proof	\$410
1877 Proof	235

\$5 Gold Pieces

1795 Large Eagle. Unc.	\$475
1834 Motto over eagle. Unc.	225
1887 Proof	337.50
1929 Unc.	365
1909 O Mint. Very fine	175

\$10 Gold Pieces

1798/97 6 and 7 stars. Ex. Fine. \$	785
1858 Proof	4250
1933 Unc.	470
1920 S Mint	265
1930 S Mint	325

\$20 Gold Pieces

1871 Proof	\$ 550
1883 Proof	1480
1884 Proof	1625
1921 Unc.	900
1924 S Mint. Unc.	1000
1926 S Mint. Unc.	1525
1926 D Mint. Unc.	2500
1931 D Mint. Unc.	760

Private Gold

(1849) \$16 Gold Bar. Moffat & Co. Very fine	\$1225
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Harry C. Mathews Reports Theft

Dear Editor:

Just a few lines to inform you that I recently had a robbery and would appreciate a few lines in the *Numismatist* in the hope that the publicity might help to recover them.

Among the items taken were a quantity of recent date rolls, halves,

quarters, dimes, nickels; also two steel boxes containing half dollars—one box of commemoratives about 200 pieces and one of dates from 1807 to date.

Any collector or dealer being offered these coins would do me a great favor by wiring me at once—collect.

Sincerely,

HARRY C. MATHEWS,
227 Woodlawn Ave.,
Jersey City 5, N. J.

Stars and Star Notes

There are few individuals who ever observe a small five-pointed star that appears near the serial number on a very small percentage of our paper currency now in circulation, and not many are aware of its significance. A star also appeared on some of our paper currency that circulated around 1880. Its purpose then differed materially from its present-day use, as will be explained later. The United States Government now prints only three types of paper currency for general circulation, namely, Federal Reserve Notes, Silver Certificates, and United States Notes. Beginning in 1861 and for a period of about fifteen years nearly all United States paper currency was printed by private companies in New York City. Now all such printing is done by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in Washington, D. C.

Present day paper currency is printed from a twelve-subject plate; there being many separate steps in a very involved process. A most detailed description of the preparation of the plates and the printing of the currency may be found in an excellent book by Lawrence Dwight Smith (*Counterfeiting Crime against the People*, New York: W. W. Norton & Company, Inc., 1944). During the process of printing, the twelve-note sheets are subjected to several careful inspections and should an imperfection be discovered, the entire sheet is rejected. Such is not the case after a twelve-subject sheet is cut into a dozen individual notes and numbered. Smith describes the numbering machine in use as performing "... several mechanical wonders in one continuous operation, ..." including

the depositing of notes in neat piles of exactly one hundred.

It is at this point that the last inspection takes place. Should an imperfection be discovered in one of these notes, a "star note" is substituted for the imperfect one. It is not practical to substitute a note of the same serial number as that of the rejected note, so notes with special serial numbers are prepared for this purpose. In the case of United States Notes and Silver Certificates a star is substituted for the letter that precedes the serial number while in the case of Federal Reserve Notes a star is substituted for the letter that follows the serial number. This last mentioned variation is due to the fact that the twelve Federal Reserve banks are designated by different letters, A to L, and such letters are invariably used as prefix letters to the serial numbers on the notes issued by the respective Federal Reserve banks. As all notes are issued in series of 100 million and since the numbering machine is limited to eight digits, another use for a star note is to provide for the 100,000,000th note in each such series.

The use of a star as described in the foregoing remarks is quite different from its purpose in the early days of United States paper currency. There is found in *Dye's Government Counterfeit Detector*, Vol. XXXI, No. 9, February, 1883, (p. 62) a reference to "certain defects and marks" on some national bank notes with respect to which inquiries had been directed to the publishers of that periodical. They referred specifically to certain national bank notes of the Series of 1875 of The Second National Bank of Baltimore upon which a star was printed near the check letter. It was stated further that prior to 1875 private companies did the engraving and printing of national bank notes and, as many of the plates were much worn when turned over to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, each subsequent printing would make the engraved work appear lighter on the finished product. Such plates were "re-touched" in the Bureau and a star was engraved near the check letters. While only one bank was mentioned in the article quoted, it is quite likely that such stars may be found on other national bank notes of the Series of 1875.

—WILLIAM H. DILLISTIN
New York City

Notes & Queries

Spanish Coin Exhibition

An awakening of Spanish numismatics appears to be scheduled for 1949 through the National Exposition of Numismatics to be held July 2-10, 1949, in Tarrasa, Spain. Arrangements have been made by an Executive Committee for exhibits by collectors.

To advertise the Exposition a bulletin is being published in Spanish. The first issue, dated April 30, 1949, contains eight pages describing the proposed Exposition, rules for admittance and exhibits, etc. There are also a number of news notes and an article by F. Xavier Calico on the value of Spanish numismatics from the viewpoint of history, art, and economics. Anyone interested in the Exposition or the bulletin can obtain further information from Sr. Secretario de la Comision Ejecutiva de la "I Exposicion Nacional de Numismatica," Ayuntamiento, Tarrasa, Spain.

— ARLIE SLABAUGH

Chase Celebrates 20th Anniversary

With its 75,000 specimens of money spanning almost 5,000 years, from the ring money of ancient Egypt to 1949 notes of the new Republic of Burma, the Chase National Bank Collection of Moneys of the World marked its twentieth anniversary as a public exhibit at 46 Cedar Street today (Friday, May 13).

Among the largest and most comprehensive displays of its kind, the collection today represents nearly every political and geographic subdivision of the world, and nearly every medium of exchange employed by mankind in history. It has attracted some 220,000 visitors since it was opened to the public May 13, 1929.

The collection was begun privately in 1880 by the well-known numismatist, Farran Zerbe, and had grown to 40,000 items when the Chase acquired it from him in 1928. Mr. Zerbe was the curator until his retirement in 1939, when he was succeeded by Vernon L. Brown.

The exhibit includes ancient, modern and historical coins, notes and checks, odd and curious moneys, and a great variety of commodity

moneys, such as woodpecker scalps and tiger claws.

Among the thousands of items on display are the Biblical "tribute penny" and "widow's mite"; the Pine Tree shilling of colonial Massachusetts; the Fugio Cent, first coin authorized by the United States; "Pieces of Eight" of Spanish Main renown; the wooden nickel of Blaine, Wash.; the buckskin "One Buck" of Enterprise, Mich.; the celebrated 1804 silver dollar; a copy of Henry Ford's check for one cent; a check for \$225,000,000 issued by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. for the purchase of U. S. Treasury bonds in 1943, largest check ever drawn on the Chase National Bank, and the one hundred quintillion pengo inflation note of Hungary issued in 1946.

Notable among recent acquisitions are 1949 coins of Great Britain, which omit the previous reference to the King as Emperor of India.

The museum assembles special exhibits and regular traveling exhibits for correspondent banks, offers tours of the collection for various school and college groups, and provides speakers for club and educational groups.

New Wooden Nickel is Worth 7½ Cents; Size of a Dollar and Sells for 50 Cents

At the Pacific Northwest Coin Convention at Centralia, Washington, on May 14 and 15, 1949 was introduced a revolutionary new piece of money — a 7½¢ wooden nickel.

This 7½¢ wooden nickel is dollar size and has on the obverse the name of the Seattle Coin Club and the Oregon Numismatic Society, the sponsoring organizations, as well as the symbols of the two clubs, the fir tree of Washington and the beaver of Oregon. The reverse recites the denomination.

These wooden nickels are of a strictly limited issue, but a few are still available through the treasurer of the Pacific Northwest Coin Convention at fifty cents each, or three for one dollar. They can be obtained by sending cash or money order to John R. Slusher, 7469 N. Haven, Portland 3, Oregon. Postage will be prepaid.

From the desk of the General Secretary

Nominations

Elsewhere in this issue there is a report of nominations received prior to June 15, and as nominations closed on June 22, it probably differs little from the final report which will appear in the August issue. Members should have a serious and personal interest in the nomination and election of their officers. It might be noted that fewer than thirty members, mostly clubs, indicated such interest in making nominations. There should have been more . . . many more than this. Your right to vote is a privilege and a responsibility. You would not want this right taken away from you. Don't throw it away yourself by your failure to take a few minutes to cast your ballot.

Convention

One of the most delightful advantages of your membership in the Association is that of attending the annual conventions. There are no official delegates. Every member is entitled to attend and participate in all of the business and social activities of the convention. Those who attend one of these meetings nearly always go again, whenever possible.

To obtain the most pleasure and benefit from attendance at the convention, the following suggestions may be helpful:

Arrange to arrive early and be sure to stay for the banquet. It is always the highlight of the convention. You should arrive in San Francisco by Sunday, August 21. The banquet will be on the following Wednesday night. Be sure to make hotel reservations in advance and bring your confirmation with you. If your arrival time has to be changed, and will not be that indicated on your reservation, be sure to notify the hotel directly. This is essential. You may obtain information regarding available hotels and rates, and a reservation blank from office of the General Secretary.

As soon as convenient after arrival, register on the official register of the General Secretary. There is no charge for this and there will be no other official record of your attendance. You should also register with the local committee and obtain your badge and such tickets as you desire for the various social activities and entertainment features.

If you wish to make an exhibit of some of your coins, write in advance to the committee so that cases will be available for you. You should prepare in advance a list of what you will exhibit, and the valuation, so that adequate insurance (at no cost to you) will be in effect.

If You Do Not Attend

If you are unable to attend the San Francisco convention, begin to plan to attend the 1950-Milwaukee convention. Conventions are scheduled in such a way that over a period of a few years every member will be able to attend a convention without too much travel. Milwaukee will be convenient to many who may not be able to get to California.

You may designate some other member who will be in attendance at the convention to represent you. To do this, fill out the Proxy Form that is mailed with the ballots. Write in the name of your designated proxy and send the form either to that member or to the General Secretary. All such proxies are turned over to an appointed Proxy Committee at the convention, prior to the first business meeting. Before filling out the proxy form read it carefully and also read again the explanation of this system in the By Laws (in the front of your membership directory) and the remarks on this page in the June issue.

Convention Program

It was the former custom to mail a copy of the Official Convention Program to each member of the Association. The high cost of printing and the fact that many of these programs are of no interest or value to those not attending the convention have made it advisable to change the plan this year.

You will receive a copy of the Program if you make a reservation for the convention and copies will be available at the convention. You may also receive a copy . . . if you request it. Send the request to the office of the General Secretary. These programs will be available early in August. The same is true of the Auction Catalog. It will be printed separately and mailed to those who request it, and to those who have indicated that they will attend the convention and to some others on the mailing list of the Convention Auctioneer. You should watch for his own announcement regarding these catalogs.

LEWIS M. REAGAN, General Secretary.

NOMINATIONS REPORT

The following nominations have been made for the election of officers for the Association year 1949-1950. This report is revised to June 15, and nominations closed on June 22. The August issue will report any additional nominations. The official ballot will include only those candidates who accepted their nominations. A supplement to the July issue, consisting of the numismatic record and such personal data as was furnished by each candidate, will be mailed with the ballots, as prescribed by Article V, Section 3 of the By Laws.

FOR PRESIDENT

- M. VERNON SHELTON, Chicago, Illinois. Accepted
 Bay Cities Coin Club, Tri-Cities Coin Club, Orange County Coin Club, San Diego Numismatic Society, California State Numismatic Association, Toledo Coin Club, Brooklyn Coin Club, Wichita Coin Club, Philadelphia Coin Club, Racine Numismatic Society, Allen County Coin Club, Central States Numismatic Society, Heart of America Numismatic Association, Boston Numismatic Society, Des Moines Coin Club, Bronx Coin Club, Chicago Coin Club, Phoenix Coin Club.
- DAVID M. BULLOWA, Philadelphia, Pa. Declined
 J. J. Gonzales.
- VERNON L. BROWN, New York, N. Y. Declined
 New Haven Numismatic Society.

FOR FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

- COL. JOSEPH MOSS, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Accepted
 Same nominators as those listed above for president. New Haven Numismatic Society, Washington Numismatic Society, Bronx Coin Club, Farran Zerbe, Phoenix Coin Club.
- A. KOSOFF, Beverly Hills, California. Declined
 J. J. Gonzales.

FOR SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

- VERNON L. BROWN, New York, New York. Declined
 Tri-Cities Coin Club, Boston Numismatic Society, Phoenix Coin Club.
- LEONEL C. PANOSH, San Diego, California. Accepted
 Orange County Coin Club, Bay Cities Coin Club, San Diego Numismatic Society, California State Numismatic Association, Wichita Coin Club, Racine Numismatic Society, Central States Numismatic Society, Heart of America Numismatic Association, New Haven Numismatic Society, Des Moines Coin Club, Bronx Coin Club, Chicago Coin Club.

FOR GENERAL SECRETARY

- LEWIS M. REAGAN, Wichita, Kansas. Accepted
 Same nominators as those listed above for president. New Haven Numismatic Society, Cincinnati Numismatic Association, Cedar City Coin Club.

FOR TREASURER

- GEORGE H. BLAKE, Jersey City, New Jersey. Accepted
 Brooklyn Coin Club, J. J. Gonzales, New Haven Numismatic Society, Boston Numismatic Society, Bronx Coin Club, Chicago Coin Club.
- HAROLD R. KLEIN, Hinsdale, Illinois. Accepted
 Racine Numismatic Society, Central States Numismatic Society,

Heart of America Numismatic Association.
 MARTIN F. KORTJOHN, New York, N. Y. Accepted
 Bay Cities Coin Club, Phoenix Coin Club.
 VERNON L. BROWN, New York, N. Y. Declined
 Des Moines Coin Club.

FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
(Five to be elected)

VERNON L. BROWN, New York, New York. Accepted
 Bay Cities Coin Club, San Diego Numismatic Society, California
 State Numismatic Association, Wichita Coin Club, Philadelphia
 Coin Club, Central States Numismatic Society, Heart of America
 Numismatic Association, Brooklyn Coin Club, J. J. Gonzales,
 Bronx Coin Club, Chicago Coin Club, Washington Numismatic
 Association, Phoenix Coin Club, Rochester Numismatic Assn.
 CAPT. OSCAR H. DODSON, Washington, D. C. Declined
 Bronx Coin Club.
 DR. CALVERT L. EMMONS, Ontario, California. Declined
 Orange County Coin Club, Bay Cities Coin Club, San Diego
 Numismatic Society, California State Numismatic Association, Des
 Moines Coin Club.
 DR. J. HEWITT JUDD, Omaha, Nebraska. Accepted
 Tri-Cities Coin Club, Bay Cities Coin Club, San Diego Numismatic
 Society, Toledo Coin Club, Brooklyn Coin Club, Wichita Coin Club,
 California State Numismatic Association, Philadelphia Coin Club,
 Allen County Coin Club, C.S.N.S., H.A.N.A., New Haven Numis-
 matic Society, Boston Numismatic Society, Des Moines Coin Club,
 Bronx Coin Club, Chicago Coin Club, Phoenix Coin Club.
 PAUL S. JOHNSON, Atlanta, Georgia. Declined
 J. J. Gonzales.
 FRANK J. KATEN, Milford, Connecticut. Accepted
 New Haven Numismatic Society, Waterbury Coin Club, William
 J. Sexton.
 JOHN H. MORRIS, JR., Homewood, Alabama. Open
 J. J. Gonzales.
 M. A. POWILLS, Chicago, Illinois. Accepted
 Milwaukee Numismatic Society, Elkhart Coin Club, Rochester
 Numismatic Assn.
 C. DAVID PIERCE, Ottumwa, Iowa. Accepted
 Tri-Cities Coin Club, Phoenix Coin Club.
 CHARLES L. RUBY, Fullerton, California. Accepted
 Orange County Coin Club, Rocky Mountain Numismatic Society,
 Louisville Coin Club, California State Numismatic Association,
 Wichita Coin Club, Clearwater (Florida) Coin Club, H.A.N.A., New
 Haven Numismatic Society, Boston Numismatic Society, Des
 Moines Coin Club, Dr. C. Glenn Curtis.
 C. H. RYAN, Brooklyn, New York. Accepted
 Tri-Cities Coin Club, Toledo Coin Club, Brooklyn Coin Club,
 Wichita Coin Club, Allen County Coin Club, C.S.N.S., H.A.N.A.,
 Boston Numismatic Society, Chicago Coin Club, Farran Zerbe,
 Phoenix Coin Club.
 C. C. SHROYER, Toledo, Ohio. Accepted
 Toledo Coin Club, Allen County Coin Club, C.S.N.S., Chicago
 Coin Club.
 DR. JOHN H. WILD, Buffalo, New York. Accepted
 Bronx Coin Club, Rochester Numismatic Association, Buffalo
 Numismatic Association.
 R. S. YEOMAN, Racine, Wisconsin. Accepted
 Tri-Cities Coin Club, Bay Cities Coin Club, Toledo Coin Club,
 San Diego Numismatic Society, Brooklyn Coin Club, Wichita Coin
 Club, California State Numismatic Association, Philadelphia Coin
 Club, Racine Numismatic Society, Milwaukee Numismatic Society,
 Allen County Coin Club, C.S.N.S., H.A.N.A., New Haven Numis-
 matic Society, Des Moines Coin Club, Bronx Coin Club, Chicago
 Coin Club, Phoenix Coin Club.

Note: C.S.N.S. — Central States Numismatic Society.

H.A.N.A. — Heart of America Numismatic Association (Kansas City).

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Kansas—C. B. EDWARDS, 406 N. Estelle Ave., Wichita 7, Kans.
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Maryland (Western) - HOLMES H. CESSNA, P. O. Box 133, Cumberland, Md.
 Massachusetts - MALCOLM O. E. CHELL-FROST, 120 Tremont St., Boston 8, Mass.
 Mexico - SR. LIC. ALFREDO PORRAZ, Paseo de la Reforma 287, Mexico City, Mex.
 Michigan (Northern) - CHARLES N. COOLEY, 530 Crawford St., S. E., Grand Rapids, Mich.
 Michigan (Southern) - JAMES J. CURTO, 912 Rivard Blvd., Grosse Point 30, Mich.
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 Missouri (Eastern) - ALBERT H. WICK, 5437 Nagel Ave., St. Louis 9, Mo.
 Missouri (Western) - Open.
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 New Jersey - HARRY C. MATHEWS, 227 Woodlawn Ave., Jersey City 5, N. J.
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 New York (Eastern) - WILLIS J. MCKINNEY, 62 Sycamore St., Albany 3, N. Y.
 New York (Western) - J. M. TAYLOR, 16 Covington Rd., Buffalo 16, N. Y.
 New Zealand - ALLAN SUTHERLAND, Hansard Parliament House, Wellington, New Zealand.
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 North Dakota - MRS. F. E. TUNELL, 908 Tenth St., Bismarck, N. D.
 Ohio (Northern) - C. C. SHROYER, 1016 W. Woodruff Ave., Toledo 6, Ohio.
 Ohio (Southern) - LU RIGGS, 528 Walnut Street, Cincinnati 2, Ohio.
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 Oregon - LLOYD L. RUFF, 3105 N. E. 45th Ave., Portland 13, Oregon.
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 Pennsylvania (Western) - J. EDGAR CUNNINGHAM, Assistant Postmaster, Wilmerding, Pa.
 Philippine Islands - GILBERT S. PEREZ, Bureau of Education, Manila, P. I.
 Portugal - LUIS PINTO GARCIA, Rua 5 de Outubro, 5, Castelo Branco, Portugal.
 Puerto Rico - ROBERT P. PRANN, P. O. Box 3403, San Juan 16, Puerto Rico.
 Rhode Island - REV. ANSELM BROBURG, D.S., 391 Massasoit Ave., E. Providence 14, R. I.
 Scotland - WALTER T. F. ALLEN, 18 Glendale Drive, Auchinairn, Lanarkshire, Scotland.
 South Carolina (Eastern) - LESENE J. WINGARD, 1010 King St., Columbia 35, S. C.
 South Dakota - CARL METZGER, 929 Utah Ave., S.E., Huron, S. D.
 Spain - F. XAVIER CALICO, Plaza del Angel, 2, Barcelona, Spain.
 Sweden - JOHN PEDERSEN, Skolg 24, Boras, Sweden.
 Switzerland - DR. HERBERT A. CAHN, Freiestrasse 103, Basel, Switzerland.
 Tennessee - JAMES D. MILLER, Winchester, Tenn.
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 Venezuela - WILLIAM FOX STEINBERG, Apartado 284, Caracas, Venezuela.
 Virginia - HELEN G. LEWIS, 421 North Blvd., Richmond 20, Va.
 Washington (Eastern) - CHRISTIAN M. PETERSEN, Rt. 1, Box 52 A, Chehalis, Wash.
 Washington (Western) - MRS. D. D. DENISE, 4023 Burke Ave., Seattle 3, Wash.
 West Virginia - DR. F. STEVENS EPS, Box 1066, Charleston, W. Va.
 Wisconsin (Eastern) - LILLARD W. CULVER, 2708 E. Hampshire St., Milwaukee 11, Wisc.
 Wisconsin (Northern) - H. S. SHERWIN, Box 72, Black River Falls, Wisc.

Report of the General Secretary

Admission to Membership

Applicants numbered 17391-17511, as published in the May issue, have been admitted to membership.

Applicants for Membership

The following applications were received in May, 1949. If there are no objections filed prior to August 1, 1949, these applicants will become members on that date and notice to this effect will appear in the September issue.

- 17586 Dr. Paul T. Rutter, R.R. 1, Box 168, Gold Hill, Oregon. U. S. Coins. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 17587 William M. Brockman, 116 Valley Street, Dayton 4, Ohio. U. S. Gold Coins. B. Max Mehl.
- 17588 Harold F. Donald, 140 E. 75th Street, Los Angeles 3, Calif. U. S. General. Karl M. Brainard, Thelma M. Case.
- 17589 Roy A. Miller, R.R. 3, Box 456, Racine, Wis. U. S. General. R. S. Yeoman, Lewis M. Reagan.
- 17590 R. H. Hedges, 1659 Oakwood Ave., Akron 1, Ohio. U. S. Coins. Robert H. Hedges.
- 17591 Mrs. Shirley Silver, 21 Rose Street, Glenbrook, Conn. U. S. Coins. A. Berman.

- 17592 **H. O. Houk, Jr.**, P.O. Box 250, Augusta, Georgia. U. S. Coins. Louis Johnson.
 17593 **Eugene Arden Smith**, Hg. and Hg. Sqdn. 27th AB Group, Bergstrom AF Base, Austin, Texas.
 17594 **Nicholas A. Slobodchikoff**, 448 43rd Avenue, San Francisco 21, Calif. Chinese and Russian.
 17595 **Roy D. Humble**, 2219 Lamont Avenue, Dallas 16, Texas. U. S. General. Benjamin A. Feder.
 17596 **J. Edwin Ade**, 1008 First Avenue, Vernonia, Oregon. Small Coins. W. G. Heath. A. L. Kullander.
 17597 **Oscar F. Kleindolph**, P.O. Box 622, Muscatine, Iowa. American Coins. H. E. Lemkay, E. J. Asthalter, F. W. Allen.
 17598 **Donald N. Wood**, Box 104, Mt. Vernon, Ill. General. Arthur B. Kelley, S. T. Zimmerman.
 17599 **Miss Eloise A. Cloues**, 88 Elm St., Worcester 2, Mass. Cents. Earl Bellis, Floyd F. Tilton, Samuel T. Gow.
 17600 **Metropolitan Junior Coin Club**, Jon Borgzinner, Secy., 115-11 223rd, Cambria Hts. 11, New York. Charles M. Wormser, Herbert L. Borgzinner.
 17601 **G. Herbert Hyatt**, Las Animas, Colo. U. S. General. Philip W. Whiteley, Herman L. Boraker.
 17602 **Angus Holden**, 1406 Montgomery St., San Francisco 11, Calif. American Coins. E. A. Parker.
 J-17603 **James David Simons**, 530 E. 90th St., New York 28, New York. Freak Coins and U. S. General. Anna Lee Simons.
 17604 **L. R. Kerling**, Forman, N. Dak. General. Lewis M. Reagan.
 17605 **James A. Cassidy**, 118 Clifton Place, Syracuse 6, New York. Commemoratives. L. W. Butler, R. H. Williamson.
 17606 **William Mangione**, 6544 N. Talman Ave., Chicago 45, Ill. U. S. Coins. Edward F. McKay, Jacob W. Loebly.
 17607 **T. Paul Gregory**, 20A, Ice House St., First Floor, Hong Kong, China. General. Lewis M. Reagan.
 17608 **Carl E. Briesmeister**, 3501 Grove Avenue, Richmond, Va. General. Nat Horwitz.
 17609 **Joseph M. Cooper**, 40 DeBlois St., Newport, R. I. American Coins. Horace M. Grant.
 17610 **Joseph C. Payne**, 1211 W. Main, Urbana, Ill. U. S. General. Norman Shultz.
 17611 **Walter D. Chester**, 249 Paul St., Pittsburgh 11, Pa. U. S. Coins. G. H. McMillen, John M. Gourley.
 17612 **Dr. Edward G. Face, Jr.**, 1601 Westbrook Ave., Richmond 22, Va. U. S. General. Helen G. Lewis, O. L. Lewis.
 17613 **Abbott C. Haskin**, Mountain Home, Ark. Commemoratives. H. E. Rowold.
 17614 **Lon Jones, Jr.**, Mountain Home, Ark. General. Herbert E. Rowold, A. C. Haskin.
 17615 **Lloyd R. Fisk**, Mountain Home, Ark. General. Herbert E. Rowold, A. C. Haskin.
 17616 **Charles F. Butcher**, Government Village, Mountain Home, Ark. General. Herbert E. Rowold, A. C. Haskin.
 17617 **Tom W. Tregellas**, Box 126, Astoria, Ill. U. S. General. Paul Ginther.
 17618 **William D. Hamilton**, 306 East 13th St., Hutchinson, Kansas. U. S. General. C. B. Edwards, Lewis M. Reagan.
 17619 **Dr. R. W. Hoffman**, 913 Bankers Trust, Des Moines, Iowa. General. L. Helene Bohler, Dr. N. M. Hausen, Walter P. Bohler.
 17620 **Mrs. Jessie N. Swineford**, c/o B. and P. W. Club, Cleveland Ave., Ashland, Ohio. U. S. Coins. D. O. Sherer, Ralph J. Stroud, V. L. Belt.
 17621 **Alton B. Payne**, 514 W. Holly, Phoenix, Ariz. General. Ralph Stroud, V. L. Belt, Raymond Allee.
 17622 **Ellis Earl Cook**, 1025 W. 8th St., Los Angeles 14, Calif. U. S. Coins. George B. Rogers.
 17623 **Dr. W. G. Guilfoil**, 700 Central Avenue, Kansas City, Kans. Pennies. H. E. Rowold.
 17624 **Willard M. Hinkle**, 2914 North 13th St., Philadelphia 33, Pa. U. S. and Roman. C. W. Randolph.
 17625 **John Srednick**, 175 W. 49th St., Bayonne, N. J. U. S. Coins. Walter G. Scott.
 17626 **Neal B. Hipps**, Box 109, Pasadena, Texas. U. S. General. A. J. Mitula.
 17627 **Byron W. Cook**, Route 5, Jackson, Miss. U. S. Coins. A. G. Cook, John P. Taylor.
 17628 **Saginaw Valley Coin Club**, John Martin, Secy., 1600 N. 26th St., Saginaw, Mich. Lewis M. Reagan.
 17629 **Mrs. Grace I. Brainard**, 2308 32nd St., Santa Monica, Calif. General. Jack W. Ogilvie, Thelma M. Case. Associate Member.
 17630 **Mrs. Anna Block**, 1282 Redondo Blvd., Los Angeles 35, Calif. U. S. General. Karl M. Brainard, Thelma M. Case. Associate Member.
 17631 **Thomas R. Case**, 2308 32nd Street, Santa Monica, Calif. General. Karl M. Brainard, Thelma M. Case. Associate Member.
 17632 **Charles K. Cunningham**, 214 Gill Avenue, Galion, Ohio. General. C. C. Shroyer, Edward M. Kaufman.
 17633 **Roland H. Peterson**, 1571 Sherman Ave., Evanston, Ill. American Coins. Harry Boosel, John M. Lostutter.
 17634 **Mrs. J. E. Liby**, 1510 Mt. Pleasant St., Burlington, Iowa. General. Edward D. Hass.
 17635 **Lloyd S. Raymond**, 548 Bolander Ave., Dayton 8, Ohio. American Coins. Luther H. White.
 17636 **William L. Nolan**, Room 2005, 52 Wall St., New York, New York. Rare Gold. Frederick A. Hauck, Albert W. Ault.
 17637 **Alex. H. Godfrey**, Room 2005, 52 Wall St., New York, New York. Rare Gold. Frederick A. Hauck, Albert W. Ault.
 17638 **Peter G. Anthony**, 674 Manhattan Ave., Brooklyn 22, New York. U. S. General. G. P. Russell, Harry J. Allison, James Hansen.

- 17639 **John C. Face** ADC, NAS-FASRen 4, Atlantic City, N. J. U. S. General. Alba O. Myers.
- 17640 **Mrs. Dortha Barta**, 116 Victory Ave., So. San Francisco, Calif. U. S. Coins. Karl M. Brainard, Thelma M. Case.
- 17641 **Ralph D. Mefford**, P.O. Box 609, Round Lake, Ill. American Coins. Harry S. Van Denberg.
- 17642 **Marvin E. Young**, Mulberry and Mechanic Sts., Lebanon, Ohio. U. S. Coins. Carl Stiles, Raymond F. Hatfield.
- 17643 **Stanley Kolosky**, 605 E. Iron, Salina, Kansas. Quarters. Frank Bennett.
- 17644 **William T. Hunting**, 5280 Sobrante Ave., Richmond, Calif. American Coins. E. A. Parker, Robert G. McArthur.
- 17645 **Bruce W. Hubbard, Jr.**, 133 So. East Ave., Oak Park, Ill. U. S. and Scottish Coins. Mrs. B. W. Hubbard.
- 17646 **Elmer Paul Scott**, 40 Worth St., New York 13, N. Y. General. Vernon L. Brown.
- 17647 **Sidney Bachrach**, 15 Westminster Rd., Brooklyn, New York. General. Henry Rubin.
- 17648 **Leon Hoffman**, 5901 Winchester Ave., Ventnor City, New Jersey. General. Stuart Mosher.
- 17649 **Dr. Ramon Milan**, Lancaster General Hospital, Lancaster, Pa. Silver Dollars. Chester M. Herr.
- 17650 **D. D. Bradshaw**, 74 W. 3rd South, Salt Lake City, Utah. U. S. General. Clifford E. Crane.
- 17651 **Robert E. Martens**, Winfield, W. Va. General. Dr. F. Stevens Epps.
- 17652 **H. A. Wittkamp**, Box 565, Burlington, Iowa. General. Edward D. Hass.
- 17653 **E. L. Nickerson**, Bucklin, Mo. U. S. General. William Mertes.
- 17654 **Bert Adams**, 4716 N. Avers Ave., Chicago 25, Ill. English. M. Vernon Sheldon, Lee F. Hewitt, Harry X. Boesel, Earl C. Brown.
- 17655 **E. J. Strieter**, 815 Pierce St., Gary, Ind. Silver Coins. A. Rutz, G. R. Ostrander, Carl T. Shelby.
- 17656 **Ted. C. Prosser**, P.O. Box 538, Leesburg, Fla. Minor U. S. Ernest J. Maugans.
- 17657 **B. F. Balder**, P.O. Box 695, Ashland, Nebr. U. S. General. O. M. Campbell.
- 17658 **Albert Rosenberg**, 2137 Main St., Tampa 7, Fla. General. C. A. Brownell, H. D. Holt, J. H. Dunn.
- 17659 **Leo Fortin**, c/o C. P. Sullivan, Kimball, S. Dak. One Cent Pieces. Lewis M. Reagan.

Reinstated

- 4469 **Al Berger**, c/o Capital National Bank, Sacramento 4, Calif. General. Harry T. Wilson.
- 8758 **Oscar A. Geyer**, 1010 West 5th, Topeka, Kansas. American Coins. Herbert I. Rowold.
- 7387 **Joseph A. Denni**, 736 Avalon Blvd., Wilmington, Calif. General. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 9258 **George McLarty**, 1212 S.W. Fourth Ave., Portland 4, Oregon.

Deceased

- 12847 **Allen J. Butler**, St. Louis, Missouri.
- 7438 **Robert F. Carpenter, Jr.**, Cleveland Hts., Ohio.
- 4338 **G. W. P. Cleary**, 1660 West Edgewater Avenue, Chicago 26, Ill.
- 13186 **W. E. Heathcote, Jr.**, St. Petersburg, Fla.
- 4275 **A. Z. Reed**, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- Honorary 36 **D. C. Wismer**, Hatfield, Pa.
- 12987 **William W. Hinchman**, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Expelled

- 14294 **Jacques D. Del Monte**, 725 W. 172nd St., New York 23, N. Y.

Reports of Club Meetings

SECRETARIES PLEASE NOTE: Reports should be made promptly. Copy must be received by the 7th of the month to insure insertion in the following month's issue. As a usual thing a copy of the minutes is sent in, and almost invariably a number of items of local concern only must be cancelled. The justification for publishing these accounts lies in the numismatic information - and encouragement - to be derived by collectors generally, regardless of location. On this basis we feel it advisable to revise and condense, and, incidentally, the by-product of this course is conservation of valuable space.

ALBANY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY - The 238th regular meeting was held on Thursday, May 12th, at the Albany Institute of History and Art with 18 members in attendance. President Gratton presided.

The Secretary read reply received from Lewis M. Reagan, General Secretary of the A.N.A., to our letter suggesting that National Coin Week start at the beginning of the week rather than the middle. Mr. Reagan advised that

our suggestion would be passed on to the President and that our next National Coin Week would be scheduled in such a way as to meet the approval of the majority of the members so far as this can be determined.

Mr. Schermerhorn reported for the Auction Committee. It was decided that the same procedure would be followed as at our last auction, that is, each member could protect their own lots by bidding on them and without forfeiting the usual 10%.

As Chairman of the Program Committee, Dr. Sartoris designated our May 26th meeting as "Brag Night," each member to bring in for exhibit coins which he felt he could brag about for any reason whatsoever.

The guest speaker of the evening was Mr. Thomas Chamberland of Cohoes who entertained us with a talk and exhibit on his pipe collection.

-ANNA M. IMFELD, Secretary

ATLANTA COIN CLUB—The 365th meeting was held Wednesday May 4th at the Henry Grady Hotel. Temporary chairman Paul Johnson presided with 13 members and two visitors present. Due to the Transportation Strike, so few members could be with us, our regular program was postponed. The proposed changes in the Constitution and By-Laws, to include Life members, were adopted unanimously. Mr. Gonzales was elected to Life membership. Mr. Johnson read an interesting article by James Kelly—from his Coins & Chatter—Information Sheet.

-VIRGINIA SURRY, Secretary

BALTIMORE COIN CLUB—Regular meeting held May 5, with Capt. Cockaday presiding. There were 25 present.

Harry R. Broll was made librarian for the coming year.

Dr. Plummer exhibited a series of silver dollar size coins of Japan, Hungary, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Liege, Lombardy, and Lithuania.

-MELVIN FULD, Secretary

BALTIMORE COIN CLUB—The regular meeting was called to order at 8:10, May 19th, Mr. Haas presiding. There were 31 members and two guests present.

Dr. Plummer extended an invitation of the American Numismatic Society to visit their exhibit.

Mr. Wiley suggested that the article appearing in *The Sun* paper on Mr. Straus and Mr. Duffled, be included in the minutes.

The membership Committee proposed that: Mr. J. Hambleton Ober, Lt. Robert S. Day, Willis W. Marshall, Charles Henry Marshall be elected to membership.

Mr. Sheckels introduced our speaker of the evening, John Marshall Boone, who is one of the governors of the Baltimore Stock Exchange, who addressed the club on the "Relationship of Money to the Gold Standard."

Mr. Boone traced the history of gold and money and explained to the club the reason for England going off of the gold standard and exactly what happened in the money market. He likewise explained how the depression of 1932 affected our gold standard and exactly the government's reason for going off of the gold standard.

It was explained how our gold effected the Federal debt, as well as the state and municipal debt.

The speaker traced the causes and reasons for the closing of the banks in 1931 and 1932 and explained exactly what happened to the money market when the gold standard was changed; as well as what happened in the stock market when it reopened. He also explained how the money market was affected by the Breton Woods conference and how all currency was valued. Likewise the effect of the revaluation of European currency on our gold standard.

Considerable predictions were made as to when the United States would return to the gold standard and what its effect would be upon our national debt, the national economy and the economy of the world.

There followed a period of questions and answers, which was enjoyed by all of the membership.

-MELVIN FULD, Secretary

BALTIMORE COIN CLUB—The June 2nd meeting was called to order by Captain Cockaday at 8:15, with 30 members present.

John Marshall Boone was proposed by the membership Committee and was duly elected to membership.

It was regularly moved by Mr. Straus, seconded by Mr. Smyth and passed that it has been brought to the attention of the Baltimore Coin Club, that the Board of Governors of the A.N.A. have selected Milwaukee for its Convention in 1950. Therefore, the Baltimore Coin Club herewith withdraws its invitation to hold the Convention in Baltimore in 1950.

Phillip Straus exhibited coins.

Dr. Edward Plummer exhibited Talers of the World as follows: Loewenstein-Wertheim: (princely house of the Franconian Circle, Germany) 1769, convention-thaler of Prince Charles. Luebeck: (free city of Germany) 1597, thaler of 32 schillings, struck while a member of the Holy Roman Empire, 1752, thaler of 48 schillings, struck while a member of the Holy Roman Empire, 1797, thaler of 32 schillings, member of the Holy Roman Empire, 1904, 5 mark, struck as a member of modern Imperial Germany.

Lucca: (principality in Italy), 1807, 5 franchi. This coin bears the bust of Elisa, the oldest sister of Napoleon, and her husband, Colonel Felix Bacciocchi. Luxemburg: 1946, 100 francs, the first dollar size coin struck since Luxemburg became an independent duchy. Maas-trich (capital of Limburg, Province of the Netherlands), 1794, 100 stiver, necessity coin.

Madras: (province of India) 1811, half pagoda. Mainz: (archbishopric in S.W. Germany), 1794, convention thaler. Majorca: (one of the Balearic Islands in the Mediterranean), 1821, provisional coin, obverse; Marriage Double Thaler, about 1640, designed by Johan Blum of Bremen, 68 millimeter, late renaissance style. (Schauthaler).

-MELVIN FULD, Secretary

BAY CITIES COIN CLUB—The 62nd meeting was held at Helen Fosters Restaurant in Santa Monica, California, on May 12. President Brainard called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. with 35 members present. Messrs. Daniel Ralsky and Lewis M. Reagan were admitted to membership.

Interesting papers were read by Harold M. Budd on the "Carson City Coinage"

and by Charles C. Mills on "The Lincoln Cents" and the members urged that Mr. Mills' paper be sent to *The Numismatist* for publication. Mr. Budd's paper has already been published.

— BEN SCHWARTZ, Secretary

BIRMINGHAM COIN CLUB—Thirteen members were present at the 51st regular meeting April 19, 1949.

A short program on dimes was presented. Mrs. Opal Morris read an article on dimes of 1844. The article concerned the scarcity of this date although rather a large coinage is listed. Legends similar to the ones concerning the 1804 silver dollar were mentioned. Another article on 1894-S dimes was presented.

— O. L. HURTT, Jr., Secretary

BOSTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY—The 795th meeting was held on April 18 at the Lenox Hotel with President Clapp presiding.

E. V. Tuttle, Chairman of the Curator's Committee reported on the properties of our Society. Unfortunately, back in 1897, when there were indications of our Society disbanding, we gave to the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston the sum of \$300 together with all the coins and medals belonging to the Society, except what the Secretary wanted to add to his collection. And it was also voted to give to the Public Library of Boston the sum of \$300 and all the books and pamphlets belonging to the Society, except again such as the Secretary might choose to add to his collection.

Miss Merrill suggested we start a new cabinet. This has been done, and members are being very generous with their donations.

A committee has been appointed for our 90th year celebration.

Norman Jacobs of the Harvard Graduate School spoke on Japanese and Korean coins. Details on types, relative scarcity and mint records were presented, with some material on Japanese paper currency. As a background, the role of coins in Japanese history was described.

Exhibits:

Mr. Clapp: Didrachm of Tarentum.

Mr. Gittes: Ar duro Barcelona French Occupation, 1809.

Mr. Lowenstam: Double bu, gold, ¼ and ½ bu, silver; Japanese bean money and large German Baptismal medal of the 17th Century.

Mrs. Pond: Papal States medals of Pius VII, 1805 and 1815; Eichstaedt double taler, 1790 and Duke of Parma medal.

Mr. Whiteneck: Ten uncirculated standing Liberty quarters, five 1916 and five 1921. — JUNE T. POND, Secretary

BOSTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY—The 796th meeting was held on May 16 at the Lenox Hotel with President Clapp presiding.

Vernon B. Hitchens was elected a member.

Our Society has purchased a Ball-optician Projector. This should prove a boon for future speakers, after the little experimenting we did with it for coin and medal enlargements.

Member Benjamin Lowenstam was speaker at this meeting, his subject, Russian Coinage, and he couldn't help but be interesting for he has a fund of numismatic knowledge with which he is very generous.

Exhibits:

Mr. Clapp: As for the Papiavian Law; silver denarius of the Social War 89 B.C.

Mr. Gittes: Series of Russian coins.

Mr. Gould: Two South Carolina notes, 1778, rare and in crisp condition.

Mr. Guild: A display of U.S. Mail (stampless covers) of the period between 1825 and 1845 showing the various postal rates and the coins used to pay those charges; the coins were then legal tender from Spain. The first U.S. 2c piece and 3c piece to cover mail charges.

Mr. Lowenstam: Roubles of Peter I, 1707, 1711 and 1723, unc. Katherine I, 1726, Peter II, 1727, Anna, 1733, unc., Elisabeth, 1743, Peter III, 1762, Katherine, 1762 and 1765, Paul I, 1798, Alexander I, 1802, 1803, Poland 1½ Rouble, unc., Nicholas I, 1826, 1844, and 1854, Comm. Roubles 1834 and 1839 (Columns), Marriage Rouble of Alexander II, 1841, Monument Rouble of 1859, Rouble of 1874 (Alexander II), Coronation Roubles of Alexander III and Nicholas II, Monument Rouble of 1898 and 1912, 1812-1912 Comm. Rouble of Victory over Napoleon, Comm. Rouble 1613-1913 Romanoff's Dynasty, Comm. Rouble 1714-1914 of Naval Victory over Sweden at Hanout, Soviet Rouble of 1921-Star and 1924-Worker, Collection of Minor Coins and Wire money of the early Romanoffs, 16th and 17th Centuries.

Mr. Luquer: Sheet of Champlain & St. Lawrence Railroad paper notes in pence, sous and ecu, 1837.

Mr. Tuttle: Many gold pieces including \$20, 1855, U.S. S mint, 1795 silver and 1836 Gobrecht pattern dollar in pewter.

Mr. Whiteneck: 1836 Gobrecht dollar in silver. — JUNE T. POND, Secretary

BRONX COIN CLUB—The 188th meeting was held April 27 at the Concourse Plaza Hotel beginning with a dinner served at seven o'clock. Twenty-seven members and three guests were in attendance. Special welcome was extended to Dominic Trotta who had rejoined the club after many years of absence made necessary by pressure of business as Commissioner of Assessments for The Bronx.

Mr. Blake read an interesting paper written by R. H. Williamson of Syracuse, N.Y., on the "Survival of Specimens of Our Large Copper Cents" and their prevalence at the present time. The hardness of the metal bearing various dates was mentioned. Storage of kegs of cents for use of the metal is responsible for the existence of many of the uncirculated specimens. Mr. Blake was applauded for the reading of this paper which contained much information hitherto not known to many in his audience.

Exhibits were as follows:

Mr. Bellus: Set of Ethiopian coins of 1947.

Mr. Bernstein: U.S. gold dollars of 1854 and 1856-S, half zechino of Benedict XIV, two zechini of Pius VII.

Mr. Carpenter: British orders and war medals issued during World Wars I and II; also other interesting British war medals.

Mr. Clark: Three coins of the Roman Republic 1849; 17 coins of Pius IX, French Indo-China pattern of 1946.

Mr. Downing: U.S. cents 1793 CIA, C9G, C11J and 1794 H43.

Mr. Engel: U.S. gold dollars of 1850, 1853, 1854 small and large, 1857 and 1862.

Mr. English: Papal denaro of John IX of about 900 A.D.

Mr. Erlanger: Various silver medals relative to the Reformation; taler of the abbey of Kempten dated 1694.

Mr. Franklin: Gold disc for Saudi Arabia struck at the Philadelphia mint and containing the same amount of gold as a pound sterling.

Mr. Gallo: Seventy Papal coins in gold and silver from 1370 to 1878.

Mr. Grunthal: Taler of Wallenstein dated 1629.

Mr. Kemm: Various California gold coins and charms of 25c, 50c and dollar values.

Mr. Kortjohn: Various sets of Vatican coins; also 1948 specimen set of South Africa.

Mr. Leslie: Complete set of Peace dollars from 1922 to 1935.

Mr. McMahon: Papal 50 and 20 lire of 1868; 100 lire of Pius XI and XII.

Mr. Picker: California gold half dollar and two quarter dollars.

Mr. Rice: Seven varieties of California gold half dollars and quarter dollars, 17 varieties of charms and tokens, Papal sets of 1929 and 1939.

Mr. Schwartz: Tokens struck in four metals by Gutttag Bros. memorializing the 1923 origin of coin week.

Mr. Seeman: Quarter, half and dollar gold coins of California and 20 peso gold coin of Mexico dated 1915.

Mr. Sghia: 34 Papal coins from Anterus in 235 A.D. to Pius IX in 1870.

Mr. Sweyd: Five dollar Moffat piece dated 1849, five dollar gold piece of 1795, fifty dollar assay piece of 1851, twenty dollar assay piece, double eagle of 1850, 25 gulden proof coin of Danzig of 1923.

Miss Sweyd: Alaska gold one pinch, California gold dollar and half dollar.

Mr. Vanden Brul: Set of Canadian large cents lacking only two pieces.

Mr. van der Meer: Five double ducations of Zealand; medal for the 1900th anniversary of City of Utrecht; two medals for the fiftieth anniversary of Wilhelmina.

Mr. Von Sandro: Quarter eagles of 1834, 1853, 1854 and 1907 and complete set of Indian head except 1911-D.

Mr. Wagner: Ten war decorations of Great Britain; two decorations of Belgium.

Mr. Werner: Shekel of Israel, first revolt, year 3.

— MARTIN F. KORTJOHN, Secretary

BROOKLYN COIN CLUB—The regular 191st meeting was held May 4 at the Hotel Granada, attended by 39 members and 7 guests, with President C. H. Ryan in the chair.

Joseph B. Stack donated a large number of United States coins in uncirculated and proof condition, which are to be auctioned off at our next meeting and the entire proceeds will go into our treasury. Our treasury need never fear going "into the red" when we have members such as he.

An interesting paper on German porcelain money was read to us by George Blake. This paper (originally presented by J. E. Grafton to the Albany Numismatic Society on May 27, 1948), traced its complete history, beginning with the pieces originally made in the porcelain factory at Meissen in the 19th century of white biscuit porcelain and including the various issues of the various German States after the First World War.

Exhibits by members and guests were as follows:

G. H. Blake: Album of about 50 specimens of National bank notes issued by

New York banks.

H. Bowser: Coins of Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia and Esthonia.

J. Coffin: Siam: porcelain token; English half penny George III, 1797; medal of Pope Pius VII by Mercandetti on restoration of circular Temple of St. Peter in Montorio.

G. Colket: Drawing of steamboat on river for bank note; drawing of design for gold piece never coined, both by Longacre.

H. K. Downing: Collection of 14 U.S. cents of 1793.

R. Friedberg: Tunis: Gold 100 francs 1937—only 33 pieces struck.

A. L. Ginzburger: Proof set of 1896: one cent through one dollar.

J. Hegarty: Coins of England Charles II to George VI.

W. Hicks: Silver coronation medal by John Croker of Queen Caroline dated Oct. 11, 1727; various denominations of European current notes of Denmark, France, Switzerland, Germany and Italy.

C. Hollander: Cased set of 32 German 2 mark pieces 1876 to 1904.

L. Horowitz: 28 Civil War Tokens with Indian head obverses and patriotic slogans on the reverses.

Rev. F. H. Hutchins: U.S. half dollars 1936 to 1948 in proof and unc.; recent acquisition: 1944 silvered cent encased in a bottle.

W. O. Hutt: 4 coins of Edward VIII; England coronation medal 1937; half crown of George III c/m with small cross; Cayenne sou c/m with dagger; 3 Siam porcelain counters; Chinese school medal; Florins of Stolberg, Hamburg and Mansfield; Tibet dollar in silver.

M. L. Kaplan: Proof dollars: 1859, 1862 and 1863; 1880 proof set; 1797 large cent; 1807 comet cent; 8 overdate halves.

T. Kemm: Set of currently circulating U.S. one dollar bills showing 4 different obverses and 2 reverses; set of U.S. half dollars 1916 to date; set of porcelain coins in case; 8 assorted coins of Egypt.

R. Kimpfer: 2 Red Cross tokens of Saxony; 3 coins of Montfort.

Mr. Kortjohn: Eight \$5 silver certificates with consecutive numbers and bearing signatures of different secretaries of the Treasury, and including two starred notes. Also red seal notes with small and large numbers, the largest almost a million.

E. Kraus: Israel: 25 Mills 1948/49 the Hebrew date being 5709 in aluminum; Jaipur: 1 Anna 1943 in brass; Hyderabad: coins with value in urdu and also with numeral in center.

I. Mertik: Various coins of East Africa, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, and Ethiopia.

E. Nelson: Type set U.S. half dollars 1795 to date; China Turkestan: no date, 1 Tail and 5 Miscal of same; set of Korea coins of 1907 ½ won, 20 chon, 10 chon, 5 chon and 1½ chon.

V. A. Nicoletti: Czechoslovakia: 8 coins minted since 1947 including all commemoratives.

F. W. Porcaro: Porcelain coins: 5 marks (gold border) Saxony 1921; 50 Pfennig Gross Wartenberg 1921; Comm. Church token Herrnhut 1932.

M. Schwartz: Tokens in various metals memorializing COIN WEEK ORIGINATED 1923, with Washington and Lincoln on the other side, issued by Gutttag Bros.

A. Smith: English half pennies and pennies victories 1862-1892; Civil War tokens with fighting mottos: The Flag

of our country Shoot Him On The Spot if anybody attempts to tear it down; Harvey Lewis Sutler, 23rd Mass. Reg.; 25 cents in goods; China: Temple coin of Ming Tan Dynasty.

D. Smith: 1799 large cents: Electrotypes of C-2, Obv. 2 Rev. B, D-138 in very fine condition. Also the same variety, condition fair but genuine.

J. E. Stack: 1851 incused edge Augustus Humbert \$50 gold piece in Ex. F. condition; 1855 Wass Molitor \$50 gold in Ex. F. condition; complete set of Mormon Gold Trial patterns in copper.

N. Stack: Complete set of small cents from 1856 to 1909 including 1864 L; also complete set of unc. Lincoln cents; Vatican set of 1947 with gold 100 lira, 10, 5, 2 and 1 lira in aluminum.

J. R. Thompson: Coins of England, Estonia, Ethiopia and Egypt; porcelain money: Saxony 2 marks and Grunberg 1 mark; Indian head nickel 1937-3 legged Buffalo; Grand chapter penny State of New York.

H. W. Vanden Brul: Canada: Leslie & Sons 2 pence token; England: model crown Victoria 1848, date in roman numerals.

A. Wise: Series of U.S. half dollars 1887-1914 in proof condition.

B. Wishy: 1793 olive leaf cent.

C. M. Wormser: Fiji: 3 pence 1947.

E. Zygmant: 26 ancient coins of Judea, Galilee, Syria, Egypt and of the 1st and 2nd revolts of the Jews against Rome, as well as of the Hasmonean and Herodian dynasties and of the Procurators. — IRVING MERTIK, Secretary

BROOKLYN COIN CLUB—The regular 192nd meeting was held June 1, 1949, at the Hotel Granada with 37 members and 4 guests in attendance and President C. H. Ryan in the chair.

An auction sale was then held of the United States coins donated for that purpose by our fellow member, Joseph B. Stack. There was a good deal of spirited bidding and the entire proceeds realized from the sale went into the treasury of our club. Our sincere thanks to Mr. Stack for his commendable gesture in helping our financial condition to remain healthy and also affording our members the opportunity of enjoying a delightful auction.

Exhibits by members and guests were as follows:

H. S. Bernstein: U.S. quarters 1804 to 1887 and 1815 to 1838.

H. Bowser: Eight coins of Portugal.

V. L. Brown: Rubber 5 cent token, Des Moines Rubber Stamp Works; Habib Bank Ltd., Bombay, 1 Tola gold, scallop edge struck in 1946.

J. Coffin: Papal jubilee coins.

A. R. Feldman: Coins of Lubeck, Nuremberg; gold coins of Newfoundland and Great Britain.

R. Gallo: Gregorius XV quaruples; 10 lire scudo of Florence; 2-14 century silver quinar of France.

W. Hicks: 40 francs gold 1811 of Napoleon EMPEREUR.

C. Hollander: Isabella commemorative quarter dollar 1893.

L. Horowitz: Seven tokens of planes from the Kitty Hawk to the Graf Zeppelins.

F. S. Hutchins: 29 U.S. quarters 1804-1838 (21 dates with two major varieties of each of eight of them).

W. O. Hutt: 5c liberty head C/S L I R R, Brook; 2 reals Mexico 1805 with 6 chop marks; 1/4d W. Wood coinage 1723 C/S crowned "D"; Cayenne 2 sous 1789

C/S dagger; Tibet 1 srang 1909; Coaling token of St. Lucie, BWI.

C. Hutt: 10 centimes for use in French colonies 1828; 2 sous Cayenne 1789; Chas. and Johanna 1 real minted in Mexico City; Puerto Rico 5 and 10 centavos; Ferdinand and Isabella 2 reales.

M. L. Kaplan: 10 different quarters 1805-1837; proof dollars 1862-1873; 1797 large cent choice condition; 1836 half dollar; 2 freak cents.

M. Klaf: 1914-D Lincoln cent unc.; 1909-S VDB, unc.

M. Kortjohn: 13 quarters 1796 to 1828; 124 French coins including patterns and plectrums.

E. Kraus: Bikaner: 1 rupee 1937 Gangha Singhji; Monaco: 20 francs 1947 nickel; Hong Kong: 10 cents 1948 Al. Br.; Kutch: 5 Kori 1936 Edward VIII. 1/4 Kori 1947 for Madana Singhji; Greece: 1 Drachma 1926 nickel with counter-stamp.

A. Lievre: Two transfers and three tickets of Fayetteville, N.C.; 1 I.R.T. transfer subway to bus; one 1854 cent.

J. F. Maley: U.S. currency: \$10 1914 red seal, \$5 1914 blue seal and \$1 1914 blue seal of the Federal Reserve, \$5 national note 1902, Mechanics Bank, Burlington, N.J.; Boer War medal 4 bars; Hungary 5 pengo coins; coins of Panama, England, Spain and U.S.; medal Louis Warrington, U.S.N.

I. Mertik: 38 French and French Indo-China plectrums (double thickness) and essays (regular thickness).

V. A. Nicoletti: Great Britain: complete 1937 series from 1 crown to 3 pence.

A. A. Portolano: U.S.: 1892 quarter and 1929-S nickel.

M. M. Salton: Six Roman coins (one in gold) of Julia Domna with portraits of ladies; Renaissance Teston of Ferrara; Florin 1347 of Florence; Roman bronze IVDAEA CAPTA.

S. Schiffman: 1941 Russian set from 20 to 1 Kopeks; copy of Hebrew Shekel.

M. M. Schwartz: Collection of hard rubber store cards.

A. Smith: 1948 Pretoria set; 1933 5 franc; Presidential set in goldine; 1938 proof set.

D. Smith: U.S. Marine Corps, good conduct medal issued to him, 1946.

O. L. Susskind: Finland: 3/10 Pennia 1866, 1889, 1907; France 2 sols 1792; India native states: 5 dump pieces; 1/4 Ruble of Catherine the Great 1794; 500 marks Westphalia 1923 with bust of Baroness von Droste Hulshoff.

J. R. Thompson: Coins of France, Finland, Fiji and an Isabella quarter.

A. Wise: Series of U.S. \$1 in proof condition.

B. Wishy: Russia: 1940 set from 20 Kopeks to 1 Kopeck.

E. Zygmant: Israel: Rose pruta of Alexander Jannacus B.C. 103-76; Rupee of Khande Rao of Baroda 1870; Bombay: Pewter double paisa 1741; bronze of Yulug-Arsian struck 1193 on death of Saladin a Christodoulos silver denarius of Matidia.

— IRVING MERTEK, Secretary

BUFFALO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION—The 454th meeting was held May 9, 1949, at the Central Y.M.C.A. with our president, Charles T. Prickett, conducting the meeting.

B. N. Bailey gave a report on the 22nd Anniversary celebration. Additional remarks were made by H. W. Hoople. Financial report was made by J. M. Taylor. A vote of thanks was extended to the banquet committee and it was

decided to set aside a page in the minutes for a detailed report of our Hobby Show and Banquet. Also that a vote of thanks be sent to the wives of members who contributed exhibits for the Hobby Show.

—HAROLD W. HOOPLE, Secretary

BURLINGTON COIN CLUB—A special dinner meeting was held at the Arion Club, Burlington, Iowa, on April 28 to celebrate the club's 10th anniversary and the close of National Coin Week. Two of the three charter members of the group were present. Ed Liby won the door prize—a magnifying glass. A delicious dinner was served, after which there were a few talks and the meeting adjourned.

The regular monthly meeting of Burlington Coin Club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Smith on May 12. The committee gave a report on preparing the National Coin Week report. A vote of thanks was extended to the typists. President Hass gave an account of his delivery of the award to Nancy Thompson, the winner of the penny-guessing contest sponsored during Coin Week.

The displays were as follows:

Louis Klusak: 1946 Booker T. Washington.

Ed Hass: \$50 Confederate note.

Ruth Hass: "Has Been" dollar.

Hank Nelson: Half dollar board.

Stanley Smith: Fractional and postage stamp currency.

After the meeting adjourned delicious refreshments were served by the host and hostess.

—LUCILLE NELSON, Secretary

CHAUTAUQUA COIN, STAMP AND CURIO CLUB—The 41th meeting was held at Hotel Jamestown on April 27 with President Payne presiding.

Mrs. Otis Buterbaugh, who collects glass, and Ralph Jones, a junior member who collects coins, were admitted to membership.

The annual White Elephant Sale was held at this meeting. Coins, foreign stamps, covers, and old almanacs were sold. The proceeds amounted to \$29.30. At the close of the meeting a buffet lunch was served and a social hour followed.

—ALICE M. KUNZOG, Secretary

CHAUTAUQUA COIN, STAMP, AND CURIO CLUB—The 412th meeting held May 11 at Hotel Jamestown. Mr. Payne presided.

Among the outstanding exhibits of the evening were clocks, watches, barometers, and thermometers.

—ALICE M. KUNZOG, Secretary

CHAUTAUQUA COIN, STAMP, AND CURIO CLUB—The 413th meeting held at the Hotel Jamestown on May 25, with J. Henry Payne presiding.

Mr. Sampson gave an interesting talk on block patterns.

Mr. Muzzy spoke briefly on the plans for the Tri-State Convention to be held June 17-19.

—ALICE M. KUNZOG, Secretary

CINCINNATI NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION—The regular monthly meeting of the Association was held at the Hotel Gibson, May 27, with President Stevens in the chair. There were 18 members and 5 guests present.

Sol Kaplan, as chairman of the board, announced that J. S. Stevens had taken out a life membership in the Association and presented Mr. Stevens with the gold membership card bearing Life Membership No. 11.

Sol Kaplan and Raymond F. Hatfield gave an account of the Central States convention held in Detroit.

The meeting then adjourned and was turned over to Program Chairman Lewis. An attendance prize was won by Henry Chisman. Chairman Lewis introduced James H. Ratliff, of the Enquirer staff, who gave us a talk on "Soviet Pressure Inside Germany." Mr. Ratliff was former Assistant Chief of Operation of Counter Intelligence in Germany and Special Agent of C.I.C. and was in a position to give us first-hand information on the subject. His talk was superb and the questions answered afterward practically wore the speaker out.

There were two fine displays of more than general interest:

Hatfield: Two die varieties of the 1886 Indian head cent. These are from different dies, the type I being the type of an 1885 cent and the type II being the type of the 1887 cent. This is a new discovery, at least none of the local members had heard of the variety and it should prove interesting to the cent collectors.

Potts: A collection of large cents with most of the major die varieties as listed in the catalog. The cents were in mostly V.F. condition, displayed in boards to fit, and showed a serious effort to assemble a set of equally matched coins.

—GEORGE D. PARVIN, Secretary

CLEVELAND COIN CLUB—The regular meeting was held April 6 at the Harvest Room of the Hotel Carter with President Ricard in the chair. There were 28 members and six guests in attendance.

Dr. Y. A. Sargis is the first member in our club to receive the silver display trophy. Quarterly, a trophy is given to the member who has in the opinion of the members had the best displays and/or given the best talks on coins.

Exhibits by guests and members were as follows: Michael Kolman, Jr., Charles Ricard, Harper Mercer, and Dr. Y. A. Sargis.

—M. M. BEARE, Secretary

CLEVELAND COIN CLUB—The May meeting was held May 4 at the Carter Hotel with President Ricard in the chair and 24 members and three guests present.

An excellent talk was given by A. J. Croshier on Memorial Day. Following this Dr. Y. A. Sargis talked on a few rare coins. Michael Kolman, Jr., spoke on "Oddities in Coins," and Charles Ricard showed an unusual collection of medals in connection with the talk on Memorial Day.

—M. M. BEARE, Secretary

COLUMBUS NUMISMATIC SOCIETY—The 208th meeting was called to order on April 11 by President Kern with 24 members and 4 visitors present.

Messrs. Schillinger and Beightler reported on the progress of the new Marysville Club and Messrs. Burton and Clark reported on the Cincinnati meeting of the Ohio State Numismatic Society. Fred Burton was elected president, Charles Clark secretary and John A. Warner, director.

W. D. Shupe gave a very interesting and illuminating talk on U.S. currency,

and George Andrews talked on Ohio bank notes. These two worthy members made a splendid contribution.

Junior members Don Reedy and John Burton gave interesting talks. Don's talk was based on the Lincoln Cent and Johnny's talk on U.S. Minor Coins and "Oddities." Both of these talks were indeed enlightening and interesting.

Displays were made by F. W. Burton, C. H. Clark, W. D. Shupe, George Andrews, Fred Kern, Roy Smith and Depew Head.

- DEPEW HEAD, Secretary

COLUMBUS NUMISMATIC SOCIETY -

President Fred Kern called the 209th meeting of the Society to order on May 9, 1949, in the Walnut Room of the Neil House.

Three new members were elected to membership and a junior membership application was received.

President Schillinger of the Marysville Society extended thanks to President Kern and our Society for the beautiful gavel presented to them. The wood for the gavel was secured from old woodwork from the Union County Courthouse at Marysville, and was fashioned into gavel form by our member George Andrews.

David Rodee gave another of his very interesting talks. The theme for his talk was the Bullet Money of Siam. We are going to send this boy on a lecture tour. In fact, he has already started.

- DEPEW HEAD, Secretary

DAYTONA BEACH NUMISMATIC CLUB -

The fifth regular meeting was called to order at Seabreeze High School Library May 11.

The applications for membership of M. C. Hutchison and George Robinson were announced by the chairman, whereupon it was moved and seconded that they be elected to membership.

Mr. Freeman read an informative paper on the origin and history of paper money and exhibited several specimens including the following: 5, 7 and 50 scudi notes of the Bank of the Holy Spirit of Rome dated 1786, a number of French assignats of the French Revolution, one guinea note of the Merchants Bank Company of the Town of Sterling dated 1800 and six gourds of the Republic of Haiti dated 1827.

Mr. Berger exhibited a Honolulu clearing house dollar certificate and a German satirical medal of Napoleon III.

Mr. Longstreet brought to the attention of the club an article by Dr. Thomas J. Duncan of Washington University on "The Aeneas Legend on Coins" appearing in the "Classical Journal" of October, 1948.

J. U. Gillespie exhibited specimens of the incused coinage of the Greek cities of southern Italy including Croton, Kaulonia and Sybaris, and Gold Metric Dollars of 1879, one of which was in only "very good" condition showing that it had evidently circulated probably as a half dollar before finally coming to rest in a collection.

- J. U. GILLESPIE, Acting Secretary

EAST LIVERPOOL COIN CLUB -

The annual Hobby Show sponsored by the club was held in the Y.M.C.A. during April 30 and May 1. Exhibits shown included coins, stamps, first day covers, pottery, glass, fire arms, trivets, dolls, buttons, miniatures, antiques, arrowheads, and medals. The total attendance was estimated at 750.

- T. F. SCHEFFER, Secretary

PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY - The 399th meeting of the Society was called to order at 8:15 p.m. by President Hill, with 49 members and 13 visitors, on May 25 at the Palace Hotel.

The President introduced George H. Beurhaus, our newly appointed Vice President, who gave us a most interesting account - full of human interest - about his visit with Mrs. Beurhaus at the Mexico City Mint.

Sidney Haas gave a brief and historical outline of the little known countries, Andorra, Lichtenstein, Monaco and San Marino.

Ed Fogler made some announcements about the A.N.A. Convention and again stressed the need for members to be available during the convention days.

Members exhibits discussed were as follows:

Wilber Wildes: 4 coins of early Thalers (Germany).

Milton C. Strauch: Mexican Silver Dollar size coins 1754-1947 and a gold 50 Peso 1943.

Mrs. Cutler: Selected Mexican coins.

George H. Beurhaus: All types of Mexican coins complete gold and silver sets.

Roy Hill: Greek coins Tetradrachm, 400 B.C. as illustrated in Life.

Clifford H. Bloom: 1 Peso 1904; 2½ Peso 1882 both gold.

John Rausch: Fractional Currency (Shin Plaster) of Civil War Days. Also foreign paper money and copper coins from all over the world.

Erich Werling and Sidney Haas: Coins of San Marino, Monaco, Andorra and Lichtenstein.

On regular motion it was decided to investigate the feasibility of incorporating the Society.

Two new members were admitted, Tom K. Holl, and Mrs. Bettie T. Duncan.

Three new applications were presented.

It was decided to have no special celebration for the Society's 34th anniversary meeting in June in view of the activities coming in August.

- MILTON C. STRAUCH,
Corresponding Secretary

PHILADELPHIA COIN CLUB - The 167th meeting held May 17 with an attendance of 33 and Mr. Whitney presiding.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia extended an invitation to us to attend the opening of its U. S. coin exhibit on June 15.

Exhibits:

W. C. Boston: Original "two bit" piece and a Pine Tree Shilling showing crude production methods.

H. A. Davidson: The new issue of the American Medallist Society, "Web of Destiny."

C. J. Dochkus: Colonial Coins.

A. H. Leatherman: Colonial coins.

H. E. Sullivan: Civil War tokens and store cards.

F. K. Yeagley: Photograph of his 1949 exhibit in Chester, Pa.

A. Sipe: Type set of U. S. coins; Indian heads on coins.

A. H. Leatherman presented the topic "20th Anniversary of the Indian Head Cent." taken from a 1929 issue of *The Numismatist*.

- ARTHUR SIPE, Secretary

PHILADELPHIA ELECTRIC COMPANY COIN CLUB - The regular monthly meeting on May 3, 1949. This was the last meeting that the Club will hold until

next October, and 25 members and three guests attended.

Of interest was an exhibition of U. S. gold coins by W. Russ and N. H. van-Roekens. G. J. deLozier discussed at some length the merits of these collections.

As our guest speaker, Edward Rhodes from the Federal Reserve Bank in Philadelphia, gave a talk about the derivation and distribution of money. Mr. Rhodes highlighted his talk with many interesting stories, associated with the history and the use of money. Considerable discussion was aroused among the audience at the close of his talk.

We welcome as new members to our club Miss F. A. Murphy and A. C. Lucas, Jr., of the Electrical Engineering Division.

— J. H. BECKMANN, Publicity

PHILIPPINE NUMISMATIC AND ANTI-QUARIAN SOCIETY—The meeting was held in Manila on March 13, 1949 with Dr. Pablo I. de Jesus presiding. Twelve members and three guests were present including Professor H. Otley Beyer who was recently decorated by the President of the Republic for his long and distinguished service to Filipinos.

The newly elected officers composed of Dr. Pablo I. de Jesus, President; Pio M. Reyes, Vice-President; Jose P. de los Reyes, Secretary; Teodulo Protomartir, Treasurer; and Felipe R. Hidalgo, Francisco Ferraz, Alfonso Ongpin, Jose Gelano, Dr. Jesus P. Celis, directors, were sworn to office.

Dr. de Jesus in his inaugural talk discussed the problems of the society and presented his plan of activities for the year. Members of the standing committees were appointed.

Rev. Fr. Leopoldo Arcaira, Dr. Patrocinio Valenzuela and Professor Gabriel Bernardo were admitted as members.

The meeting was followed by luncheon and picture taking.

Exhibits:

Dr. P. I. de Jesus: set of 8, 4, 2, 1 and ½ Reales of Ferdinand and Isabella of Spain; Chinese tael of Sinkiang Province; Kweichow motor-car dollar; 4 countermarked pieces including an 1823 Mexican Republic hooknecked eagle counterstamped Y.I.I.; 1949 convention medal of the Bureau of Health; and a facsimile published by the U. S. Library of Congress of the first book printed in the Philippines in 1593.

Dr. Gilbert S. Perez: Gorham and Spalding Bryan dollars and a Bolivian 8 sueldos counterstamped IR.

Dr. H. Otley Beyer; a Celtiberian silver piece from a hoard excavated in Makati, near Manila.

Felipe R. Hidalgo: Rare patterns of the 10, 5 and 1 pesos paper money mounted in album.

Alfonso Ongpin: 4 album pages of Chinese Imperial and Republican minor coins.

Jose P. de los Reyes: 1947 proof set of South Africa in plush box.

Prisco Nolasco: Three religious antiquaries.

After the luncheon an auction and exchange of coins was held among the members.

— JOSE P. DE LOS REYES, Secretary

PHILIPPINE NUMISMATIC AND ANTI-QUARIAN SOCIETY—The Luncheon-Meeting was held at the Avenue Hotel, Manila, on April 10, 1949, with Dr. P. I. de Jesus presiding.

After the luncheon a round table con-

ference was held on the "Doctrina Christiana," the first book published in the Philippines, dated 1593, and the subject of a recent philatelic issue. Professor Bernardo, Librarian of the University of the Philippines, who says the only existing copy of the book is in the U.S. Library of Congress, discussed the book in its different aspects and illustrated his lecture with a presentation of the facsimile published by the Library of Congress in 1947. The lecture was followed by a lively discussion after which it was voted to publish the lecture of Professor Bernardo in our *Numismatic Notes and Monographs*.

Exhibits during the day by the following:

Professor Bernardo: Old books.

Dr. Gilbert S. Perez: Book plates printed in the Philippines.

Dr. P. I. de Jesus: Guatemala pillar dollar of 1762 countermarked M R for Mozambique; two imperial bronze medallions of Lydia and Byzra depicting Excaluplus on the reverse.

Dr. J. P. Celis: Military decoration Gran Cruz de Alfonso X el sabio conferred on eminence in arts, sciences or letters to Rev. Fr. Silvestre Sancho, O.P., Rector Magnificus of the Pontifical University of Santo Tomas in Manila; Military medal of Alfonso XIII "Al Ejercito de Filipinas," 1896-1898.

J. P. de los Reyes: Masonic medal on the Bicentenary of the death of George Washington struck in Manila.

— JOSE P. DE LOS REYES, Secretary

RACINE NUMISMATIC SOCIETY—The April 14th meeting was called to order by President Les Stahr with 13 members present.

Exhibits:

Louis Wilczynski: Austria, 100 kronen gold proof commemorating the 60-year reign of Franz Joseph; Germany, 5 Mark, Graf Zepplin, 1930.

J. V. McDermott: U. S. Pine Tree shillings, Crosby 12-1 and 6-D.

— E. R. HADY, Secretary

ELKHART COIN CLUB—The 37th meeting was held May 9 at the Y.M.C.A. with President Ziems presiding.

The following officers were elected for 1949-50: President, William G. Davidson; first vice president, John Richards; second vice president, Robert Ziems; secretary-treasurer, William Brimelow.

A committee reported on the successful displays and radio broadcasts of Bill the Coin Man during National Coin Week.

The members voted to change the meeting date to the first Monday of each month starting with the October meeting.

President Ziems was thanked by the members for his hard work in the preparation of the bulletins during his tenure of office.

— WILLIAM BRIMELOW, Secretary

HAWTHORNE COIN CLUB—The May meeting was held Friday, May 6, at the Hawthorne plant of the Western Electric Company with 38 members present. Mrs. G. L. Friest was accepted as a member and our membership in good standing is now 112.

After a drawing for door prizes the meeting was turned over to Mr. Hoening who introduced the speaker of the evening, M. A. Powills. Mr. Powills spoke on "The Romance of Oriental Coinage" and had with him a considerable exhibit

of Oriental coins, particularly those of India. Both the talk and the exhibit were quite interesting.

— G. W. PIRRONG, Secretary

KANAWHA VALLEY COIN CLUB—The 30th meeting held May 16 at the Y.M.C.A., Charleston, W. Va. Fred S. White, Jr., president, presided. Twenty-two members and nine guests present. Four new members were elected into the club.

Arle R. Slabaugh, a member of the Papers Committee of the A.N.A., spoke a few minutes on the subject of writing papers on numismatic subjects to be published in *The Numismatist*. Mr. Slabaugh urged all members present to try their hand at writing a paper on any phase of numismatics and forward same to him in Oakland, Maryland.

The president expressed his thanks, along with the club, to Lester Bernstein for the display which he and his committee had prepared in observing National Coin Week.

M. W. Maret, speaker for the evening, gave some very interesting facts on the subject of collecting Sales Tax Tokens, giving a brief history on several of these tokens, and while speaking, passed around a number of the sales tax tokens for inspection. Mr. Maret said his purpose for speaking on this subject was to try to create interest in token collecting stating that collecting tokens in addition to coins was fascinating and entertaining as well as very economical to collect.

Exhibits were the following: H. Kenneth White, freak collection and Liberty standing half dollars. John J. McConihay, uncirculated large U.S. currency, five different types.

—EARLE P. SMITH, JR., Secretary

LOS ANGELES COIN CLUB—The 254th meeting held May 6 was prefaced by the shortest business session on record. This was done to allow plenty of time for Ralph Mitchell's talk on his display of odd and curious mediums of exchange. Mr. Mitchell's collection of primitive monies is one of the world's largest and his talk and display was given a standing ovation by the club.

—JACK W. OGILVIE, Secretary

LOS ANGELES COIN CLUB—Held its 255th meeting Friday, June 3. This being "Bring a Guest Night," several members responded. Sam Kabealo hosted Mr. Stillman from Oakland, who came the greatest distance. William Jason became a member.

Speakers were: Elmer Hess, who exhibited and discoursed shortly on a freak half dollar he possessed; Michael Carey, dean of California numismatists, who exhibited a Byzantine bronze coin of Basilus I which was in almost perfect state of preservation—a rarity, indeed.

Vreeland Fraser exhibited a \$20 Kellogg gold coin in 1854 and presented a short but interesting paper on these coins. Speaker de luxe was Chas. C. Mills, who related his own experiences in a paper about Lincoln Cents. It was Charles' bad plight to have to spend 169 of his first love, 1909-S VDB Cents, for a pair of overalls back in the hard times of 1911. Those would be fancy-pants today—about \$1200 worth. However, his experiences with some 1914-D Lincolns proved more profitable to him, and the story quite entertaining, fascinating and humorous. It is our

guess that Charlie will get a lot of requests for that paper.

—JACK W. OGILVIE, Secretary

MILWAUKEE NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

The regular monthly meeting was held on Friday evening, May 20, at the Red Arrow Club of Milwaukee. Twenty-five members and two guests were present. In the absence of the president and vice president, the secretary presided.

A letter of praise and thanks from the president of the First Wisconsin National Bank, South Side Branch, concerning the Coin Week displays on exhibit there, was read.

The point was brought up that the Club serve its members more fully as an exchange for the interchange of numismatic material and information. In this respect the secretary offered his services, unofficially, to receive "want lists" from members. These are to be read at the meetings and in this way, it is hoped, members can help each other in their mutual hobby.

Truman H. Marsh kindly donated the cost of a full-page advertisement in the 1949 A.N.A. Convention Journal.

Several coins were donated to the Club's auction by Miss Holt and Mr. McDermott, the proceeds to go to the Club funds.

Le Roy Foerster and John A. Noland were admitted to membership.

—LEONARD V. HINKLEY, Secretary

NEW YORK NUMISMATIC CLUB

The 485th meeting was held on Friday, May 13, at the Building Trades Employers club. President Damon Douglas presided. Fourteen members and two guests were present.

Mr. Douglas called on one of the guests, his son, Damon, to rise. Damon, Sr., told how Damon, Jr., was responsible for his first interest in numismatics when he purchased a Lincoln cent for many times its face value. He later acquired junior's collection and junior is still looking for the amount of his investment.

The next honored guest was Alfredo Benevides, the Peruvian ambassador to Canada, who had been made an honorary fellow of the American Numismatic Society and who is a member of the Latin-American coin committee of the society. Mr. Benevides told that he began his diplomatic career in Washington forty-four years ago under President Theodore Roosevelt. His Peruvian coin collection was begun thirty years ago when he purchased a number of coins by weight. He now possesses the most complete collection of coins of Peru and on his forthcoming return to his native country expects to organize the Numismatic Society of Lima.

Homer Downing was called on to speak about Dr. Sheldon's book on the early large cents which is to be published by Harper & Brothers on June 21, 1949. He exhibited the proofs of the plates to be used in the book and the consensus was that they were of a quality to cause anybody to be proud. Mr. Downing was responsible for the completion of the photographic end of the book.

Mr. Douglas next called on another writer, Robert Holzman, who exhibited his second book written on the subject of income taxes in conjunction with J. K. Lasser.

Topics for the evening were the U.S. three dollar gold pieces, coins of Austria from 1857 to 1919, United States legal

- Chicago Coin Club**—Meets first Tuesday of each month at 7:45 p.m. in the large meeting room of the Western Society of Engineers, 7th floor, 84 E. Randolph St. Earl C. Brown, Secretary, 7005 S. Normal Blvd., Chicago 21, Ill.
- Cincinnati Numismatic Association**—Meets fourth Friday of each month at the Sinton Hotel. George D. Parvin, Secretary, 6306 Plainfield Pike, Cincinnati 27, Ohio.
- Clearwater Coin & Stamp Club**—C. A. Brownell, Secretary, 607 Orange Ave., Clearwater, Fla.
- Cleveland Coin Club**—Meets first Wednesday of each month at the Hotel Carter. M. M. Beare, Secy., 526 Hancock St., Sandusky, Ohio.
- Coin Club of Rhode Island**—Meets the last Friday of each month. Mrs. Edna Czerwonka, Secretary, 111 Shores St., Taunton, Mass.
- Columbian Coin Club of Southern New Jersey**—Mrs. Alice Green, Secy., 18 Churchtown Ave., Penns Grove, N. J.
- Columbus Numismatic Society**—Meets second Monday of each month at the Neil House, Columbus, Ohio. Depew Head, Secy., 21 E. State St., Columbus, Ohio.
- Cortland Coin Club, Cortland, N. Y.**—Meets first Thursday of each month at Hotel Cortland. Alec R. Seymour, Secretary-Treasurer, 70 Port Watson St., Cortland, N. Y.
- Dallas Coin Club, Dallas, Texas**—Meets third Thursday night of each month in the Baker Hotel. Ernest Couch, Secretary, 626 S. Winnetka Ave., Dallas, Texas.
- Dayton Coin Club**—Luther H. Whitt, Secretary, 1249 U. B. Bldg., Dayton 2, Ohio.
- Daytona Beach Numismatic Club**—Edward Gordon, Secy., Box 613, Jacksonville 1, Florida.
- Des Moines Coin Club, Des Moines, Iowa**—Meets first Friday of each month at Y. M. C. A., 4th and Keo Way. Mrs. Walter P. Bohler, Secretary, 1622 11th St., Des Moines 14, Iowa.
- Detroit Coin Club**—Meets the first Thursday of each month in the Book-Cadillac Hotel. R. Bart Holmes, Secretary, 16159 Baylis Ave., Detroit 21, Mich.
- Du Page Coin Club**—Meets fourth Monday of each month at 1017 Burlington Ave., Downers Grove, Illinois. Leslie M. Frey, Secretary, 4816 Middaugh Avenue, Downers Grove, Illinois.
- East Bay Coin Club**—J. H. Rogers, Secy., 1433 Edith St., Berkeley 3, Calif.
- East Liverpool Coin Club**—Meets third Tuesday of each month at the Y.M.C.A., East Liverpool, Ohio. T. F. Scheffer, Secretary, Y.M.C.A., East Liverpool, Ohio.
- Elkhart Coin Club**—Meets second Monday at 416½ South Main St., Elkhart, Indiana. Wm. Brimelow, Secretary, 618 South Main, Elkhart, Indiana.
- Ellwood City Coin Club**—J. Nelson Runyan, Secy., 901 Lawrence Ave., Ellwood City, Pennsylvania.
- El Paso Coin Club**—H. L. Bagge, Secretary, P. O. Box 116, Ysleta, Texas.
- Fairfield Coin Club, Fairfield, Iowa**—Meets fourth Monday of each month at the Browning Studios, at 8 p.m. Keith A. Prizer, Secretary, 201 W. Adams, Fairfield, Iowa.
- Fairfield County Numismatic Association, Bridgeport, Conn.**—Meets the first Tuesday of the month in the Sturdivant Bldg., 925 Main St., Bridgeport. Oscar G. Schilke, Secretary, Beacon Falls, Conn.
- Fairmount Coin Club**—Roy Walker, Secretary, Sidell, Illinois.
- Flint Stamp and Coin Club**—Meets first and third Tuesdays at Hotel. F. M. Wilder, Secy., 218 E. Kearsley St., Flint, Mich.
- Fugio Coin Club, Shreveport, La.**—Meets second Monday of each month in the directors' room of the Commercial National Bank. Thos. E. McIver, Secretary, P. O. Box 1414, Shreveport, La.
- Grand Rapids Coin Club**—A. J. Urban, Secretary, 749 Van Buren St., N.W., Grand Rapids, Mich.
- Greeley Coin Club, Colorado**—Meets first Monday each month at Home Gas and Electric Lounge. R. A. Smith, Secy., 604 16th St., Greeley, Colo.
- Greenville Coin Club, Greenville, Pa.**—Meets second Wednesday of each month at the Gillespie Real Estate Office. Earl Keck, Secretary, 17 York St., Greenville, Pa.
- Hamilton Coin Club, Ohio**—Meets second Thursday each month at the Y. M. C. A. Carl O. Schwab, Secretary, 630 So. 4th St., Hamilton, Ohio.
- Hanford Coin Club**—Fred E. Tinkham, Secretary, 1117 N. Irwin St., Hanford, Calif.
- Hartford Numismatic Society, Conn.**—Meets third Wednesday each month at the Hotel Bond, Hartford. Theodore W. Robbins, Secretary, Simsbury, Conn.
- Hawthorne Coin Club**—Meets first Friday of each month at the Western Electric Company's Hawthorne Works, Chicago, Ill. George W. Pirrong, Secretary, 4620 Wrightwood Ave., Chicago 39, Ill.
- Heart of America Numismatic Society**—Meets third Monday of each month at Bellerive Hotel, Kansas City. John Hansan, Secretary, 2342 Norton Avenue, Kansas City 1, Mo.
- Houston Coin Club**—H. G. Reimers, Secretary, 617 Western Union Bldg., Houston 2, Texas.
- Hudson Valley Coin Club, N. Y.**—Meets second and fourth Wednesdays, 8 p.m. at the Y.M.C.A. Earle D. Sherwood, Secretary, 574 Delaware Ave., Kingston, N.Y.
- Illinois Valley Coin Club**—Meets monthly. Gordon R. Tucker, Secretary, 115 W. Kent St., Streator, Ill.
- Indianapolis Coin Club, Indianapolis, Indiana**—Meets fourth Wednesday each month (except November and December third Wednesday) at the Washington Hotel. W. D. Cook, Secretary, 1101 Oakland Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.
- Iowa Numismatic Association**—State Convention held each November. D. N. Green, Secretary, Fairfield, Iowa.
- Jackson-Mississippi Coin Club**—Meets monthly. Charles Arrington, Secretary, P. O. Box 851, Jackson, Mississippi.
- Johnstown Numismatic Club**—G. W. Kaltenbaugh, Secretary, P.O. Box 503, Johnstown, Pa.
- Kanawha Valley Coin Club**—Dr. F. Stevens Epps, Secretary, P.O. Box 1066, Charleston, W. Va.

Organization Directory

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Club Secretaries should notify the General Secretary of any errors or omissions, and any changes that should be made in next edition of this Directory.

- Akron Coin Club, Akron, Ohio** — Meets third Monday of each month at the Portage Hotel, Akron, 8 p.m. Visitors welcome. C. D. Clark, Secretary, 1796 Goodyear Blvd., Akron 5, Ohio.
- Albany Numismatic Society** — Meets second and fourth Thursdays (except during July and August) at the Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave. Anna M. Imfeld, Secretary, 107 Sanders Ave., Scotia 2, N. Y.
- Allen County Coin Club** — Meets last Tuesday each month. E. Gail Hutchison, Secretary, 756 So. Main St., Lima, Ohio.
- American Numismatic Association** — Meets annually in convention. Lewis M. Reagan, General Secretary, P.O. Box 577, Wichita 1, Kansas.
- American Numismatic Society, New York City** — Meets four times annually at its building, Broadway at 156th Street. Sawyer McA. Mosser, Secretary.
- Anderson Coin Club, Anderson, Indiana** — Meets first Thursday of each month at Y. M. C. A. Perry F. Gorman, Secretary, Box 496, Anderson, Ind.
- Antiquarian and Numismatic Society of Montreal** — Meets monthly at Chateau de Ramezay. L. A. Renaud, Curator, Chateau de Ramezay, Montreal, Canada.
- Arkansas Numismatic Society** — Richard Buhlis, Secretary. P. O. Box 915, Hot Springs, Ark.
- Arkansas Valley Coin Club** — H. L. Boraker, Secretary. P. O. Box 204, Rocky Ford, Colo.
- Ark-Mo Coin Club** — Carl L. Toalson, Secretary. Corning, Arkansas.
- Armstrong Activities Association** — A. H. Spinner, Secy., Armstrong Cork Co., Lancaster, Pa.
- Asheville Coin Club** — Meets second Wednesday at Wachovia Bank. W. T. James, Secretary, 24 Tryon St., Asheville, N. C.
- Ashland Stamp and Coin Club** — Meets first Tuesday and third Monday of each month. Harold B. Wager, Secretary, 300 Dorchester St., Ashland, Ohio.
- Atlanta Coin Club** — Meets first Wednesday of each month at the Henry Grady Hotel, Atlanta Ga. Virginia Surry, Secy., 817 Highland Terrace NE, Atlanta 6, Ga.
- Baltimore Coin Club** — Meets first and third Thursdays at Peale's Municipal Museum, 225 N. Holliday St. Melvin Fuld, Secy., 5610 Green Spring Ave., Baltimore 9, Md.
- Baton Rouge Coin Club** — Meets second Thursday of each month at 717 La. Nat'l Bank Bldg., Baton Rouge. Miss Allison Moore, Secretary, (same address).
- Bay Cities Coin Club, California** — Meets second Wednesday each month, Helen Foster Restaurant, Second and Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica. Ben Schwartz, Secy, 115½ Brooks Ave., Venice, Calif.
- Birmingham Coin Club** — Meets third Tuesday of each month in the Auditorium of the White Dairy Co., 621 So. 27th St. Mrs. Opal Morris, Secretary, 409 Woodland Ave., Homewood 9, Ala.
- Boston Numismatic Society** — Business meeting at 7:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month (summer excepted) at Lenox Hotel, Boston, Mass. Secretary, June T. Pond, 2 Salisbury St., Winchester, Mass.
- Bronx (New York) Coin Club** — Meets fourth Wednesday of each month at Concourse Plaza Hotel, 161st St. and Grand Concourse, The Bronx. Martin F. Kortjohn, Secretary, 10 E. 40th St., New York City 16, N. Y.
- Brooklyn Coin Club** — Meets first Wednesday of each month at the Hotel Granada, Lafayette Ave. and Ashland Place, Brooklyn, N. Y. Irving Mertik, Secretary, 1713 E. 32nd St., Brooklyn 10, New York.
- Buffalo Numismatic Association** — Meets second and fourth Mondays of each month at Central Y.M.C.A. Harold W. Hoople, Secretary, 116 Mariner St., Buffalo 1, New York.
- Burlington Coin Club, Burlington, Iowa** — Lucille Nelson, Secy., 2400 Kirkwood St., Burlington, Iowa.
- Butler Coin Club** — Paul Russin, Secretary. 224 8th Ave., Butler, Pa.
- California State Numismatic Association** — Meets semiannually in convention. L. C. Panosh, Secretary, P.O. Box 1773, San Diego 12, Calif.
- Calumet Numismatic Club** — Meets third Wednesday each month at Oil Workers' Building, Hammond, Ind. Olive Isaacs, Secy., R.R. 1, Chesterton, Ind.
- Canton Coin Club, Canton, Ohio** — Meets second Tuesday at the Y. M. C. A. C. T. Bolus, Secretary, 1139 11th St., N.W., Canton 3, Ohio.
- Capitol City Coin Club of Sacramento** — W. G. Hanselman, Secretary. 5375 10th Ave., Sacramento, Calif.
- Cedar City Coin Club** — Marion Loer, Secretary, 312 Walnut St., Lebanon, Ohio.
- Cedar Rapids Coin Club** — Meets second Wednesday and fourth Saturday in the Y.M.C.A. William E. Harman, Secy., 700 First Ave., N.W., Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
- Central Illinois Numismatic Society** — Meetings held the first Tuesday of each month. Arthur W. Gibson, Secretary, 2017 Whittier Ave., Springfield, Ill.
- Central Kansas Stamp and Coin Club** — Frank Bennett, Secy., 101½ E. Iron St., Salina, Kansas.
- Charlotte Coin Club, Charlotte, N. C.** — Meets first Monday of each month at 501 Johnson Bldg. R. T. Kirkland, Secretary, 1420 Ivey Drive, Charlotte, N. C.
- Chatham Coin Club** — John H. Nickerson, Secretary, Chatham, Mass.
- Chattanooga Coin Club** — Meets third Wednesday of each month at the Central Y. M. C. A. Miss Ann E. McNabb, Secretary, 208 Med. Arts Bldg., Chattanooga 3, Tenn.
- Chautauqua Coin, Stamp and Curio Club, Jamestown, N. Y.** — Meets second and fourth Wednesday each month at Hotel Jamestown. Mrs. Alice M. Kunzog, Secretary, 36 Norton Ave., Jamestown, N. Y.
- Chenango County Coin Club** — D. G. Cookinham, Secy., North Norwich, N. Y.

WESTERN RESERVE NUMISMATIC CLUB—The 338th meeting was held Wednesday evening, May 11, at Hotel Carter, with 26 members and guests present.

Mr. Sawicki reported that more than 2000 visited the National Coin Week display at the May Company and the secretary was instructed to write the company a letter of appreciation for their service and courtesies.

The following exhibits were briefly described:

E. G. Bell: 18 uncirculated crown and silver medals.

Clyde Drawing: A group of coronation tokens, Victoria tokens and Columbia farthings.

Fred Hahlen: Crown size coins of China, Japan, Philippines, Indo-China and Hongkong.

V. L. Oblish: 5 commemorative thalers of Brandenburg-Franconia

J. F. Sawicki: Large bronze medallion of Sigismund August, king of Poland, 1545.

A. P. Spencer: Drachm of Istrus; conder tokens.

— AMBROSE P. SPENCER, Secretary

WORCESTER COUNTY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY—Our May meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Roger Bryant on May 13. Edward N. Dorrington was

accepted as a member and two applications for membership were received. The secretary was instructed to write to the Worcester Historical Society and ask for the use of their building for our future meetings.

National Coin Week activities were discussed and it seemed to be the unanimous opinion of those present that we had done a good job. It was announced that at the June meeting Max Kuhner would demonstrate for the first time his new opaque projector, which throws on a screen an enlarged picture of a coin or any other item inserted in it. In July an outdoor meeting will be held at the home of our treasurer, Sam Gow.

Miss Cloues spoke on a book in the public library dealing with numismatic terms, and a motion was carried to buy a copy for our library. The title, "Dictionary of Numismatic Terms." Miss Cloues also read an article from the magazine, "Hobbies," on coin collecting. John Kittredge spoke on "Private Gold of California."

Mrs. Bryant and Miss Cloues conducted a very informative question and answer period, after which refreshments were served and the inevitable shop talk and showing and comparing of coins followed. The 18 members and five guests enjoyed every minute and praised the ladies for a very successful meeting.

— EARL BELLIS, Secretary

CONVENTION PLANS NEARING COMPLETION

The proximity of the ANA Convention to be held in August this year at San Francisco, to their local habitation, should be particularly appealing to the numismatists of the West—a Westerner's West, that is. Not since 1932 has the Pacific Coast been tendered this honor. Indications are that it may be a decade before this territory is again so honored. This is your golden opportunity to attend, participate and enjoy this collector's fiesta right in your own garden, so to speak.

The committees have been working overtime preparing a GREAT Convention. The merits of San Francisco as a convention city cannot be discredited. Details of the program have already appeared. It is stupendous! To the collectors of the great Northwest—do not let this tantalizing chance of a numismatic pleasure jaunt slip from your summer itinerary. The collectors of the Southland—California and Arizona are even now booking reservations by the score. They know a big show by instinct, and this promises to be **FOUR BIG DAYS** of a **THREE RING NUMISMATIC CIRCUS**. Heed the cry of the Barker: "**JUST COMMENCING!—JUST GETTING LIVELY!—DAYS OF '49—1949! GET YOUR TICKETS!—GET YOUR RESERVATIONS!—TIME'S A-WASTIN'! SEE TH' BIG SHOW!**"

Publicity Committee
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There is only **ONE** thing needed to make this year's Convention in San Francisco a complete **SUCCESS**—that is **YOUR PRESENCE!**

Glickert presided.

Mrs. DeNise, Western Washington District Secretary, reported on a letter she had received from O. P. Eklund (A.N.A. 1961). Mr. Eklund stated that he was leaving for Edgecliffe Sanatorium where he would probably be confined for some time. We know he would appreciate letters from his host of friends.

Theodore Antoschowitz was present as a guest of Don Zearing. Mr. Antoschowitz lived in China 49 years and was for some time Chief of Police of Tsing Tao. He has made an outstanding collection of all forms of Chinese money and favored our Club with the feature display of the evening. This display consisted of beautiful examples of the coins of ancient China. A well-presented talk on these pieces was given by Mr. Antoschowitz.

Chris Petersen next introduced Dr. Chinn, who was present in behalf of the Chinese Consul. The Consul, being ill, was unable to attend. Dr. Chinn read a well-prepared paper entitled, "What Does a Free and Independent China Mean to the United States?" This paper was followed by an interesting discussion.

Displays of the evening in addition to that above mentioned were coins of China by Stephen Bibler and Larry Mills. The latter showed his portrait dollars, including the unusual Automobile dollar.

— WALDO B. CHRISTENSON, Secretary

SPRINGFIELD COIN CLUB — The 369th meeting was held at the Museum of Fine Arts April 12 with President Cignoni presiding and 15 members and two guests present.

Fred Finn of Northampton, Mass., was admitted to membership.

John Skribiski, one of our members, displayed a very nice and large variety of early American coins.

Thomas Cotter had some Prussian coins from the 15th and 16th century, including that very well known one, "The Wild Man."

— C. W. CARRIER, Secretary

SPRINGFIELD COIN CLUB — The monthly meeting was held at the Museum of Fine Arts May 10 with 13 members and one guest attending.

A short business meeting was held during which plans for our annual picnic were made. This year it will be a clambake at Riverside Park for members and their guests.

H. E. MacIntosh of the Tatham Stamp and Coin Co. entertained with slide-projection and description of the beauties and special features of the commemorative coins. This worth-while display is highly recommended to any coin club.

— C. W. CARRIER, Secretary

TOPEKA COIN CLUB — The Topeka Coin Club, which in recent months has been reactivated and new officers elected, held its monthly meeting May 24 at the home of one of its members, Edward A. Slingerland, in Highland Park. Member Slingerland had charge of the meeting and started the evening by a talk and display of most of his collection of coins which is quite large and very interesting. Mrs. Slingerland is a collector of stamps and also had a number of nice displays. Both were very, very interesting. After viewing this display, the club held a short business meeting, at which time it was planned to try to have our

National Secretary of the A.N.A., Lewis M. Reagan of Wichita, with us for our monthly June meeting on June 28, if proper arrangements can be made.

After the business meeting, Mrs. Slingerland served refreshments of coffee and doughnuts, which were enjoyed by all.

The evening was most enjoyable and members appreciated same, and hope in the future to have more of this type of meetings. It will give the different members a nice chance to show their collections and be much easier than to take them to some down-town meeting place.

The new officers of the Topeka Coin Club are: J. H. Deurmyer, president; Oscar A. Geyes, vice president; Thomas A. Calbert, secretary; F. L. Snider, assistant secretary; John J. Shull, treasurer.

Anyone in this vicinity interested in the collection of coins is cordially invited to attend any meeting and will be welcomed to become a member.

— THOMAS A. CALBERT, Secretary

WESTCHESTER COUNTY COIN CLUB

— The 179th regular meeting was called to order by President Johnson Tuesday evening, May 17, at the New Rochelle Y.M.C.A. Fourteen members and three guests were in attendance. President Johnson introduced the guests, Messrs. Downey and Smith of the Bronx Club and Mr. Hutt of the Brooklyn Club.

Following the affairs of business, President Johnson introduced our guest speaker of the evening, Mr. Yu-ch'uan Wang, of the American Numismatic Society. Mr. Wang gave a very interesting talk on Ancient Chinese coins, after which he identified many of the coins brought in by the members and answered questions. A rising vote of thanks was given Mr. Wang at the conclusion of his talk.

President Johnson spoke briefly regarding the visits by the club members to the Veterans Hospital in the Bronx. Thanks were also extended to Mr. diMartini for the flowers which he provided for the 15th Anniversary Dinner. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to buy a catalogue of foreign coins for the veterans at the Kingbridge Hospital.

Mr. Massey: 30 Chinese pieces, 1 Chinese dollar and 1 fen of the early 1800's. 10 coins of India; 2 Italian World War II coins; 9 Egyptian coins; and 2 Iranian pieces.

Mr. Guttat: Showed his silver 25-year A.N.A. Membership medal.

Mr. Johnson: Miscellaneous coins of China, Morocco and Italy.

Mr. Weidhaas: A miscellaneous collection of Chinese coins dating from 118 B.C. to 1908.

Mr. Lighte: Chinese coins of Ching Dynasty, Sun Ya Chen dollars of 1933-34, an assortment of "shoe" money, copy of spade money and so-called bullet money.

Mr. Marsden: 50 pieces of Chinese money, amulets and lucky pieces dating from 700 A.D. to 1914.

Mr. Skipton: 4 large Chinese dollars 1912-1934; 1887 rare 1 mace; and 3 old brass Chinese pieces.

Mr. Bellus: Sets of San Marino coins, 1898; of Vatican City, Pope Pius IX, 1846-1878; Vatican City, Sede Vacante and 40 and 3 Baiochi of the 2nd Republic of Rome, 1848-1849.

Mr. Downey: A superb collection of 1794 copper cents, mostly different.

Mr. Hart: Manchu Dynasty coin and "ten cash" of 1911 commemorating the Republic of China.

— STEPHEN HART, Secretary

ber of regular members present there were six guests from Montreal—Mr. and Mrs. C. Ferland, Mr. and Mrs. Hardy, and Messrs. Allan Fargeon and Thomas Murray. Messrs. Ferland, Fargeon and Murray all joined the club as associate members.

The early part of the evening was spent in discussing numismatics with the guests and examining the numismatic material which they had brought with them. Mr. Fargeon exhibited a tray of Upper Canada tokens which included practically every scarce variety, in condition ranging from very fine to uncirculated. Mr. Murray had a fine group of Canadian military medals which were issued for the War of 1812, the Fenian Raids and the North-West Rebellion. Mr. Ferland had brought with him several hundred pieces from his very extensive collection of Canadian paper money. Many of the notes were remarkable by reason of their condition and scarcity.

Later in the evening Mr. Potter gave a very interesting demonstration of his method of cleaning coins with potassium cyanide and protecting them with cellulose lacquer. This is the method which was described by Mr. Potter in an article in the January, 1949, issue of *The Numismatist*.

It was decided that the Ottawa Coin Club would take on the responsibility of maintaining a register of the owners of such rarities as the Canada, 1921, 5c pieces; Canada, 1921, 50c pieces and Newfoundland, 1946, 5c pieces.

—SHELDON S. CARROLL, CAPT.,
Secretary

COIN CLUB OF RHODE ISLAND—Regular meeting held April 29 at the Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel with 18 members and guests present and Mr. Wrathall in the chair.

Exhibits:

Mr. Grant: 1793 Wreath cent with lettered edge.

Mr. Wrathall: Swiss 5 francs; 2½ shillings S. Africa.

Mr. Hunter: Coins of Spain.

Mr. Hayward: Washington quarter dollars. —WESLEY HAYWARD, Secretary

THE STAMP AND COIN CLUB OF ROANOKE—An election of officers was held during the April 3rd meeting held at the Hotel Roanoke. The following officers were elected for 1949-50: Dr. Ashley Robey, president; Mrs. John B. Cheatham, Jr., vice president; A. C. Cochener, secretary-treasurer; R. O. Johnson, L. H. Urquhart, Mrs. D. Virgel Thomas, board of governors.

—A. C. COCHENER, Secretary

ROCHESTER NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION—The 826th meeting was held May 3 at the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences, with President S. Clark Place presiding. There were present 30 members and two visitors.

Mr. Judd, program chairman, introduced the speaker for the evening, Earl W. Salem. The subject of his talk was "Coins in Relation to the Bible." Mr. Salem made the subject one of great interest and traced various financial transactions mentioned in the Bible from the earliest record in the Old Testament to the use and adoption of such means of exchange as shekels, pennies and metal pieces of silver mentioned in the later books of the Bible. The speaker elaborated in many cases to the interest of all present. In con-

clusion the speaker drew a direct relationship between past and present means of exchange. At the conclusion of his talk he received a well-earned vote of thanks for his interesting paper.

Exhibits:

Mr. Bauer: Three German books, recently acquired by him, on the subject of Roman and Greek Coins.

Mr. Foster: Three books on Coins of the Bible, and one fake Jewish shekel.

Mr. Pittman: Germany, 1903, 5 Marks, for Waldeck, U.S. gold coins.

—NORMAN F. PRINCE, Secretary

ROCHESTER NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION—The 827th meeting, held at the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences on Tuesday, May 17, was called to order by President S. Clark Place, with 30 members and four visitors present.

Among items brought out at this meeting was the announcement by Mr. Pittman that George J. Bauer had been chosen as the recipient of the Henry E. Weisenbeck Award in recognition for his outstanding efforts in behalf of numismatics over a period of 60 years. This award will be made to Mr. Bauer at the June 17 meeting of the Rochester Hobby Council.

Mr. Eichorn announced also that our fellow member and past president of the R.N.A., Floyd B. Newell, had been appointed as honorary curator of the numismatic collections of the University of Rochester.

The speaker of the evening was Frank Eichorn on the subject, "Living Persons on U.S. Currency." The subject proved to be a very instructive and interesting one and at the conclusion of his talk the speaker received a vote of appreciation for his efforts.

Exhibits:

Mr. Bauer: Three Russian coins, one of them being a rare silver coin of Ivan (John) III, 1741, A.D.; silver crown of Augustus Maximilianus, 1505 A.D.; double crown of Josephus of Austria.

Mr. Pittman: 1859 \$3 gold, 1928 \$20 gold, 1911-D \$10 gold.

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ROCHESTER JUNIOR NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION—The 25th meeting was called to order on May 20 by Vice President Jim O'Brien, who talked about the exhibit at the Seneca Hotel during National Coin Week. There were 16 members and seven guests present.

Following the reports of the standing committees, a motion was carried that membership cards be given to all honorary members.

A short quiz was given by Edward F. Meinhart after which Carl Warschkow spoke on the Maria Theresa dollar. Jim O'Brien then spoke on gold. The featured speaker, Frank E. Eichorn of the Senior group, spoke on "Portraits of Living Persons on American Currency." Slides were shown with the first two talks.

A vote of thanks was given Jim O'Brien, who gave about ten coins to the library.

Exhibits:

S. Clark Place: A coin stamped with a Masonic emblem.

Jim O'Brien: 1857 gold quarter dollar. Carl Warschkow: Maria Theresa dollar.

—BRUCE R. GIBBS, Secretary

SEATTLE COIN CLUB—Held its 154th regular monthly meeting May 26 in the Roosevelt Hotel with 21 members and eight guests present. President Howard

tender notes for two and five dollars, and medals and tokens of Truman. Exhibits were as follows:

Mr. Arthur: Several old negotiable instruments, one a cashier's check drawn in 1851 by the Mohawk Valley Bank and signed by F. T. Spinner, who later became Treasurer of the U.S. and who was cashier of that bank at that time; \$5 gold bank note on the First National Gold Bank of San Francisco 1870.

Mr. Babbitt: Lima 1771-1779 silver pillars, 8R, 4R, 2R, 1R, $\frac{1}{2}$ R and $\frac{1}{4}$ R.

Mr. Blake: Twenty \$3 gold pieces of various dates.

Mr. Douglas: Alexandrian broad flan tetradrachm from Temnos.

Mrs. Douglas: Medals and badges of Harry S. Truman.

Mr. Erlinger: 1761 goldmedal (5 ducats) on the creation of Bishop Christopher Francis of Speyer as cardinal (by Oexlein); two different ducats of Lothar Francis, archbishop of Mayence and bishop of Bamberg on the peace of Rijswijk (by Nurnberger), $\frac{1}{2}$ ducat of Nuremberg 1772, ducat on second anniversary of Augsburg Confession of city of Memmingen 1730 (by Werner), $\frac{1}{4}$ ducat of hall in Swabia on Peace of Baden 1714 (struck in Nuremberg).

Mr. Gallo: Ducats of Calisto III 1455-8, quadrupla of Gregorius XV 1621-3; 1795 large cent D 70.

Mr. Holzman: Four Franz Josef silver pieces, Napoleon III satirical token.

Mr. Kortjohn: Eighteen coins of Austria.

Mr. Kusterer: Three dollar gold piece of 1887, double struck; four ducat coin of Austria dated 1875.

Mr. Mathews: Legal tender notes \$1 of 1862, 1878 and 1923, \$5 of 1869, 1875 and 1880, \$10 of 1862, \$20 of 1863; 5 kroner coin of 1908 and crown of Francis I of 1815 of Austria; three dollar gold pieces dated 1858 and 1868.

Mr. Nesmith: Reales of Mexico of Philip II, III and IV.

Mr. Schilke: 100 schilling coin of Austrian Republic.

Mr. Spray: Proof three dollar gold pieces 1868 and 1882 to 1889, uncirculated pieces of 1854-O, 1854-D, 1856-S, 1857 and 1858.

- MARTIN F. KORTJOHN, Secretary

ORANGE COUNTY COIN CLUB -

President Charles Kiser called the 131st monthly meeting to order on April 27th with 92 members and guests present. Members of other coin clubs present at the meeting were called upon to say a few words about their clubs.

Seven new members were admitted to membership. A report was made on the recent State Association meeting held in San Jose. Many of our members participated in this big coin event and helped elect Ralph Mitchell as the new "head man." Every member has pledged his full support to the new president and everything points to a great year in 1949 for all California coin clubs.

The program was in charge of Charles L. Ruby and proved to be interesting and educational. Ruby had prepared quiz cards with some important coin, numismatic event, or other numismatic material printed in large letters so the large audience could see the answer. President Kiser then kept tally of all questions and guesses made. One of the difficult questions was the date of the A.N.A. Convention to be held in August. The exact date was finally given on the 18th response. In all about thirty dif-

ferent subjects were presented and all were guessed correctly before the 22nd answer. Miss Mae Kabealo proved to be the champion with Joe Steele in second place.

Some fine exhibits were enjoyed during the social period while refreshments were being served. All visitors and guests were introduced. Several nice coins were won by those with lucky numbers in the raffle. The auction was very satisfactory with over 150 lots sold.

- CHARLES L. RUBY, Secretary

ORANGE COUNTY COIN CLUB - The 132nd monthly meeting was attended by 86 members and guests. President Kiser conducted the business session and also made a good report on the next proposed meeting of the State Association, which is to be held in San Diego in October.

Guests are always welcome to attend our meetings and several from many places in our country were introduced. An "ON TO THE A.N.A. CONVENTION" committee was appointed and it is hoped and expected that many of our members will spend their vacation in San Francisco on August 21, 22, 23, and 24, 1949.

Adolph Larsen, Jr., the little man with big words, gave another of his very interesting discourses on the early coinage of different kinds of money. Few present realized that the Chinese gave to us the word CASH, also the first type of circular money. Probably Adolph, one of our own members, has given more talks before our Club than any other person and his talks are always well received and very educational. Many questions were asked and the speaker always had the correct answer. His display of Odd and Curious Money was thoroughly enjoyed by many during the social and refreshment period.

- CHARLES L. RUBY, Secretary

OREGON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY -

The May meeting was held at the Benson Hotel, Portland, Ore., on the evening of the 9th with Jack Casey presiding and 36 members present.

Lawrence Christen, assistant chairman of National Coin Week, reported that there were displays in six downtown windows. Also, George McLarty displayed at Buckman Grade School, where four hundred children saw and heard him talk about his collection.

John Trout was elected to membership in the club.

Among the displays, a Mr. McLarty showed a unique item, a three-inch slipper which proved to be made of \$3,000 worth of macerated bills which had been returned to the Mint for destruction. Felix Baranovich displayed some beautiful gold coins, including a fifty-peso piece of Mexico, a St. Gaudens in high relief, and an 1841 Charlotte mint quarter eagle.

The Question Box, featuring numismatic questions submitted by members, provoked discussion and argument. One of the interesting questions which could not be satisfactorily answered was the reason for the right or left facing of heads on U. S. coins.

After the Question Box, the meeting then adjourned for the usual auction with Mr. Baranovich as auctioneer.

- RUTH THOMPSON, Secretary

OTTAWA COIN CLUB - The regular monthly meeting was held at the home of the President, G. R. L. Potter, on April 25. In addition to the large num-

Lehigh Valley Coin Club, Palmerton, Pa. — Meets third Thursday of each month, the meetings rotating between Palmerton, Bethlehem, Stroudsburg, and Allentown, Pa. Kenneth B. Lobb, Secretary, 421 W. Penna Ave., Pen Argyl, Pa.

Los Angeles Coin Club — Jack W. Ogilvie, 6615 Waring Ave., Hollywood 38, Calif.

Madison Coin Club, Wisconsin — Meets second Monday each month at Earle-Evelyne Salon, 30 E. Mifflin St. Ray Rinden, Secretary, 1849 Jenifer St., Madison 4, Wisc.

Main Line Coin Club — Jan Reed, Secretary, Box 502, Paoli, Pa.

Marysville Numismatic Society — Meets at the offices of the Citizens Federal Savings and Loan Assn. Clarence Beightler, Secy., 550 W. 6th St., Marysville, Ohio.

Meriden Coin Club — Meets second Wednesday of each month in the office A. B. Aubrey, 29 Colony St. Jack Rufeth, Secy., P.O. Box 22, Meriden, Conn.

Metropolitan Junior Coin Club — John Borgzinner, Secy., 115-11 223rd St., Cambria Heights 11, N. Y.

Miami Coin Club — J. F. Pollard, Secretary, 29 N.W. 40th Court, Miami, Fla.

Milwaukee Numismatic Society — Meets third Friday each month at the Red Arrow Club, 774 N. Broadway. L. V. Hinkley, Secretary, 2917 W. Melvina St., Milwaukee 10, Wis.

Missouri Numismatic Society, St. Louis, Mo. — Meets second Monday of each month at Melbourne Hotel, Grand and Lindell Blvds., St. Louis, Mo. Al. Wick, Secretary, 5437 Nagel Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

Monroe County Coin Club — E. H. Taylor, Secretary, 729 Sarah St., Stroudsburg, Pa.

Morgantown Coin Club — Arthur Martin, Secretary, 41 Morrison Ave., Morgantown, W. Va.

Muncie Coin Club — Meets third Thursday of each month at the Y. M. C. A. Jack Paul, Secretary, P. O. Box 864, Muncie, Ind.

Nashville Coin Club — Meets first and third Thursdays of each month at the James Robertson Hotel, Nashville. W. K. Parks, Secretary, 1301 Lebanon Road, Nashville, Tenn.

Naugatuck Valley Numismatic Association — Adrian Olson, Secretary, Naugatuck, Conn.

New Castle Coin Club, New Castle, Pa. — Meets fourth Monday of each month in the Y. M. C. A. D. G. Piper, Secretary, 910 Rose Avenue, New Castle, Pa.

New Hampshire Collectors Club — Meets monthly in Concord, N. H. Doran A. Jones, Secretary, 4 Weeks St., Plymouth, N. H.

New Haven Numismatic Society — Meets fourth Monday of each month. Walter P. Johnson, Secy., 19 W. Rock Ave., New Haven 15, Conn.

New Jersey Numismatic Society — Meets second Thursday of each month at Newark Athletic Club, 16 Park Place, Newark. Mrs. Damon Douglas, Secretary, 53 Park, Caldwell, N.J.

New York Numismatic Club, New York City — Meets second Friday of each month. Vernon L. Brown, Secretary, Chase National Bank, 46 Cedar St., New York 5, N. Y.

North Dakota Coin Club — Mrs. F. E. Tunell, Secretary, 908 10th St., Bismarck, N.D.

Northwest Coin Club — Meets first Wednesday each month at the Curtis Hotel, Minneapolis, and the third Wednesday of each month at the Eagles' Hall, St. Paul. H. L. Randall, Secretary, 461 Sherburne Ave., St. Paul 3, Minn.

Numismatic and Antiquarian Society of Philadelphia — Meets six or seven times during the winter by invitation of individual members at their homes or clubs. W. Wistar Wood, Secretary, Norristown Road, Broad Axe, R. D. 4, Norristown, Pa.

Numismatic Society of Frederick, Md. — Louise S. Rhoads, Secretary, 127 East Patrick St., Frederick, Md.

Oklahoma City Coin Club — Meets third Monday of each month. Clyde C. Graham, Secy., 604 W. Rickenbacker, Oklahoma City 10, Okla.

Omaha Coin Club — Meets first Friday of each month at The Joslyn Memorial. M. E. LaBounty, Secretary, 1855 South 90th Street, Omaha 4, Nebraska.

Orange County Coin Club, Brea, Cal. — Meets fourth Wednesday of each month at the Women's Club House, Brea. George A. Powers, Secy., 408 S. Pomona St., Brea, California.

Oregon Numismatic Society — Meets second Monday each month at Benson Hotel, Portland, Oregon. Mrs. Ruth W. Thompson, Secretary, 3430 N.W. Thurman St., Portland 10, Ore.

Ottawa Coin Club — Sheldon S. Carroll, Secretary, 36 Wayling Ave., Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society — Meets last Wednesday each month at the Palace Hotel, San Francisco. A. W. Ritchie, 28 Eucalyptus Rd., Berkeley 5, Calif.

Panther Valley Coin Club — Robert Deluca, Secy., 227 E. Hazard St., Summit Hill, Pa.

Pasadena Coin Club, California — Meets third Wednesday each month at 115 East Union St., Pasadena. Grover W. Greening, Secretary, 681 N. Orange Grove Ave., Pasadena 3, Cal.

Philadelphia Coin Club — Meets third Tuesday of each month at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel. Arthur Sipe, Secretary, 4021 Bonsall Ave., Drexel Hill, Pa.

Philadelphia Electric Co. Coin Club — J. A. Thielman, Secretary, Ayer Bldg., Philadelphia 6, Pa.

Philadelphia Transportation Company Coin Club — E. C. Frey, Secy., 1405 Locust St., Philadelphia 2, Pa.

Phoenix Coin Club — Meets second Tuesday of each month at the Westward Ho Hotel. Anthony R. Palmisano, Secretary, 237 Industrial Bldg., Phoenix, Ariz.

Piedmont Numismatic Club, Winston-Salem, N. C. — Meets second Tuesday of each month at the Y.M.C.A. F. Norman Marler, Secretary, c/o The Mengel Co., Inc., Winston-Salem, N.C.

Pingry School Coin Club — 87 Parker Road, Elizabeth 3, N. J.

Pitcairn Coin and Medal Club, Pitcairn, Pa. — Meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at 544 Broadway. R. W. Bearinger, Secretary, 425 Second St., Pitcairn, Pa.

Pittsburgh Coin Club — Meets third Wednesday each month in the Game Room of the Pittsburgh Coal Co., 409 Wood St. H. D. Gibbs, Secretary, Room 402, Columbia Bldg., Pittsburgh 10, Pa.

Ponca City Coin Club — A. H. Erwin, Secretary, 302 S. Fourth St., Ponca City, Okla.

Portland Coin Club — Meets third Tuesday of each month at the Falmouth Hotel. Leon T. Blackwell, Secy., 103 Pitt St., Portland, Me.

Racine Numismatic Society, Racine, Wisc. — Meets second Thursday of each month at the Y.M.C.A. Erving Hady, Secy., 1701 Edgewood Ave., Racine, Wisc.

Reading Coin Club, Reading, Pa. — Meets second and fourth Mondays of each month at Reading Co. Y.M.C.A., 6th and Oley Sts. George W. Parfet, Secretary, 729 Euclid Ave., Temple, Pa.

Rhode Island, Coin Club of — Meets third Thursday of each month. Mrs. Edna Czerwonka, Secy., 111 Shores St., Taunton, Mass.

Richmond Coin Club — Meets second Wednesday each month. John Branch Green, Secy., 701 St. Christophers Rd., Richmond 21, Va.

Rochester Junior Numismatic Association — Meets the third Friday of each month at the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences. Bruce R. Gibbs, Secretary, 1136 Garson Ave., Rochester 9, New York.

Rochester Numismatic Association — Meets first and third Tuesdays at the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences; July and August on third Tuesdays. Norman Prince, Secretary, 31 Lux St., Rochester 5, New York.

Rocky Mountain Numismatic Society — Meets second Thursday of each month at office of Rex Reese, 605 17th St., Denver. Jacob G. Wilson, Secretary, 429 16th St., Denver 2, Colo.

Saginaw Valley Coin Club — John Martin, Secy., 1600 N. 26th St., Saginaw, Mich.

San Antonio Coin Club — E. B. Parsons, Secretary, 835 W. Lynwood Ave., San Antonio 1, Texas.

San Bernardino County Coin Club — Meetings held at homes of members (in rotation) third Thursday of each month. Bryan Burke, Jr., Secretary, 964 Bellview, San Bernardino, Calif.

San Joaquin Valley Coin Club — Everett S. Ostrom, Rt. 1, Box 1, Kingsbury, Calif.

San Diego Numismatic Society — Meets first Monday of each month at New Palace Hotel. Eugene D. Johnson, Secretary 4381 Maryland, San Diego 3, Calif.

Seattle Coin Club — Meets the last Thursday of each month in Parlor A of the Hotel Roosevelt. Waldo B. Christenson, Secretary, 2212 Miller St., Seattle 2, Wash.

Southeastern Numismatic Association — William J. Peterman, Secretary, 410 E. Church St., Jacksonville, Fla.

Springfield Coin Club — Meets second Tuesday each month at the Museum of Fine Arts. Carl W. Carrier, Secretary, 56 Circle Road, Longmeadow 6, Mass.

Stamp & Coin Club of Roanoke — A. C. Cochener, Secretary-Treasurer, 17 Elm Ave., S.W., Roanoke, Virginia.

Syracuse Numismatic Association, Syracuse, N. Y. — Meets first Friday of each month at homes of members. Frank O. Webster, Secretary, 312 Wright Ave., E. Syracuse, N. Y.

Todo Dinero Numismatic Association — Douglas Smith, Secretary, 476½ N. 2nd St., San Jose, Calif.

Toledo Coin Club — Meets second Friday of each month in the Toledo room of the Commodore Perry Hotel. Sherwood Henderson, Secretary, 837 Orchard St., Toledo 9, Ohio.

Topeka Coin Club — Thomas A. Colbert, Secy., 613 Vesper, Topeka, Kansas.

Tri-Cities Coin Club — Mark Archer, Secretary, 1329 17th St., Rock Island, Ill.

Triple Cities Coin Club, Binghamton, New York — Meets first Monday of each month. Walter S. Cornell, Secretary, 112½ W. Franklin St., Union, N. Y.

Troy Coin & Stamp Club — Mildred Young, Secretary, 237 9th St., Troy, N.Y.

Tulsa Coin Club — Mrs. C. S. Buxton, Secretary, 2252 E. 8th, Tulsa 4, Okla.

Valley Stamp and Coin Club — H. T. Robinson, Secretary, P.O. Box 307, Phoenix City, Ala.

Ventura Coin Club, Cal. — Gary S. Gleed, Secretary, Box 688, Delano, Cal.

Washington Numismatic Society — Meets first Monday of each month at the National Museum. H. S. Maffett, Secy., 3801 Florence Dr., Alexandria, Va.

Waterbury Coin Club — Meets the first Monday of each month at Mattatuck Historical Society, Kenneth B. Way, Secretary, L. Box 1, Morris, Conn.

Waterloo Coin Club, Waterloo, Iowa — Meets first Friday of each month at Grout Room, Y.M.C.A., Waterloo, Iowa. Jesse Crawford, Secy., 177 Duryea St., Waterloo, Iowa.

Westchester County Coin Club — Meets third Tuesday of each month at the Y.M.C.A., New Rochelle, N. Y. A. F. Greer, Secretary, 117 Mamaroneck Ave., Mamaroneck, N. Y.

Western Maryland Coin Club — Meets third Wednesday of each month at Central Y.M.C.A. M. L. Johnson, Secretary, 37 Henderson Ave., Cumberland, Md.

Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society — Meets first Tuesday each month at the University of Pittsburgh Cathedral of Learning. John S. Kachmar, Secretary, 213 Grant Ave., Millvale, Pa.

Western Reserve Numismatic Club, Cleveland, Ohio — Meets second Wednesday of each month at Hotel Carter. Ambrose P. Spencer, Secretary, 1357 Ardoon Road, Cleveland 21, Ohio.

Whitefish Bay Coin Club — Robert Rosenberg, Secretary, 5112 N. Lake Dr., Milwaukee 11, Wisc.

Wichita Coin Club — Meets third Thursday of each month at K.G.&E. Bldg. W. G. Miller, Secretary, 715 Beverly Drive, Wichita 9, Kansas.

Wilkes Barre Coin Club — Meets second Thursday of each month at the local Y.M.C.A. George P. Williams, Secretary, 40 Price St., Kingston, Pa.

Worcester County Numismatic Society — Meets second Monday each month. Floyd F. Tilton, Secretary, 2 Rock Ave., Worcester 5, Mass.

Youngstown Numismatic Club — Meets first Thursday of each month at the Y.M.C.A., N. Chestnut St. A. F. Smith, Secretary, 57 Brooklyn Ave., Youngstown, Ohio.

York Coin Club — James G. Beath, Secretary, 56 N. Sherman St., York, Pa.